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Editor's Page

The Editor of "The Patrician" 1967 comprehensively outlined what was in store for the latter part of 1968.

The Regimental Depot was disbanded and ceased to function on the 31st of October. The residual element he referred to finally came out of the clouds as a Regimental Increment with a Capt/Lt, Sgt Clk Adm and a Cpl Clk Adm. This increment is charged with the handling of Regimental matters.

The First Battalion returned from Cyprus and moved into Currie Barracks, Calgary, Alberta which has been officially designated as the "Home Station." The Head Office of the Association, the Regimental Museum, "The Patrician", the Kit Shop, etc., are all functioning in Currie Barracks. The move of the Increment and all its cumbersome bits and pieces was made with the excellent assistance of Maj FL Berry, CD, and his rear party from the First Battalion. Your editor also wishes to make public the outstanding co-operation we were afforded by the QOR of C Depot Commander and his staff, during the actual phasing into accommodations in Currie Barracks.

It is with regret that our readers will note the absence of two reports that normally appear each year in "The Patrician". It is intended that our journal be published as early in the year as possible. It is emphasized again that articles for publication, unit and branch reports and letters to the Editor, for "The Patrician", 1969, must arrive at the Home Station by 31 JANUARY, 1970.

As this is written, the Regimental Museum is approaching final completion. The last portion to be worked up is the weapons room. When all is completed, we feel it will be eye appealing and depict the history of the Regiment as best it can be depicted. The original Museum, opened in 1954, was the pride and joy of its custodian, RSM O Gardner. Time has come full cycle. Bill Gardner worked for six weeks to start the layout of the present museum. We would like to acknowledge that the opening of the Museum would still be in the future if it had not been for his excellent assistance and knowledge. Bill has once again shown his 'love of Regiment' and undying allegiance to what it stands for.

The museum is open during all normal working hours, and may be opened at most any other time, by contacting the Regimental Adjutant.

It has been my honour and privilege, on a number of occasions during the past year, to have been contacted by ex-Patricias travelling about the country. To take them through the museum is a never ending source of interest and pleasure. It is hoped that no Patricia ever passes through Calgary without contacting the Home Station.

This year's edition has a section devoted to the end of the First World War and the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on the 11th of November, 1918.

The Colonel of the Regiment was advised in August that two ceremonies were planned to mark the 50th Anniversary and were to be sponsored by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The membership of the Association was scrutinized and two men selected as representatives who were on strength of the Regiment at the time of and during the closing battle the Regiment took part in. This was the Battle and subsequent liberation of Mons. Mr P Howard Ferguson, MM, 411018, of the Ottawa Branch represented the Regiment at the numerous ceremonies held in Europe. His report commences on page 105. Mr. WJ Popey, 1716, Lieutenant, of the Vancouver Branch, represented the Regiment at the ceremonies held in Ottawa.

Finally, a Patricia Newsletter is in the offing. It is expected that the first issue will be distributed during the summer of 1969. The contents of the newsletter

will be up to you, the reader. It is requested that serving members and ex-Patricias take a moment, periodically, and drop a letter to the Home Station. Let us know where you are, what you are doing, if there is someone you wish to contact, old friendships to be renewed, services you can render, etc, etc.

With that note I will close off for this edition of "The Patrician" and remind our readers again of the deadline for the next edition and the request for correspondence to assist the Newsletter.

All correspondence should be addressed to PPCLI Regimental Adjutant, Currie Barracks, Calgary 7, Alberta.

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Letters to the Editor

"Wrestholme",
3 Hayes Road,
Midsomer Norton
Near Bath-Somerset-England
13 August, 1968

Colonel of The PPCLI
Hamilton Gault Barracks,
Edmonton, Alberta
Dear Sir:

Kindly allow me a little of your valued time and space. I have been reading "The Legionary", PPCLI History.

I was a member of "The Royal Canadian Regiment" from 1914 to 1919. My first time to the trenches in France, was with the PPCLI and on that occasion, our engineers discharged a mine, and of course, the objective, was to take the crater for positional purposes.

The objective was successful. After a period, we were all as one, and we fought as "Canadian" Brothers.

You will find enclosed my letter to the late "Mayor of Taunton", Mr. Goodman, whom I regret, has since, passed to "The Great Beyond". I had tea with him in "His Parlour", and later he wrote me a letter in which, he remarked, Mr. Blatchford, a friend of "Brig. General Hamilton Gault" will always be a friend of mine. I did regard his compliment, as a tribute to one of the greatest ever "Canadian Soldiers".

You will note in my letter, my sentiments referring to the battle, in which "the Brigadier" lost his leg.

The battle of "Hooge", and "Sanctuary Wood", was one I shall never forget. On June 2nd, 1916, the German Artillery opened a terrific barrage on our positions and a lot of "My Buddies" being killed and wounded. My Buddies, "Stephen Gough" who lives at "St. Marys" Ontario, and "Charlie Millington", who lives at 59, "Glangary Ave.", Toronto, saw the Germans going down through the "Sanctuary Wood", shouted, "look", "Blatch". They were going down in a mass, we all opened our fire, and we saw them falling and scrambling over each other, and we soon piled them up. Our Ross rifles got

so hot, we burned the skin off our hands, but believe me Sir, we stopped their gallop, and our "Pals", The PPCLI was ever grateful, as, we, as always, were a great team. "Col Farquar" as you know was killed, also "General Mercer", but my saddest moment, was when we had our roll call, and later the parade of our brigade, The RCR, PPCLI, "The 42nd Highlanders" and the 49th Edmonton Regiment, to receive the praise and gratitude, of "Brigadier General Macdonald". Those present will never forget this occasion, as he had become so full of words, he completely broke down, and indeed, wept. We went in and out of the front line continuously, and never let each other down. I often read of their duties in Germany, and I feel proud I was at "Courcellette, also, "Vimy Ridge", "Hill 70", then "Paschendaelle", so you can imagine, I know "France" very well in war. I was gassed, and "Paschendalle" was where I got my knockout. I was going in and out of hospital for 7 years, and am still an 86% life pensioner.

I am enclosing my war record, which my regiment, "The Royal Canadian Regiment" has on record, at "London", Ontario. I must tell you, I still write to "Charlie" and "Stephen", and my life would end, if I should forget them. I must mention, poor Charlie Millington had, with others, an awful night, being a front line runner, my duties was to go the rounds. On this night, we had a lot of wounded, and after my third round, poor Charlie said, for "Christs" sake "Blatch", get us out of here, or else "I shall die", but believe me Sir, I got them all out, 20 of my Pals Before, we went to "Hooge". I was voted by my "Buddies" the "M.M.", but we had a stalwart, Pte. Ship he was good, and faithful, so I said you have it "Robbie", and that was the last of "Robbie", for he returned to Canada. I must mention, our Cpl. Mathieson (Wally) asked for a volunteer, as we had run out of "Mills" bombs. No volunteers, Reg, you are the front line runner, and I went, "crawled" to H.Q. and returned with 6

Bags of Mills No. 5. Well Dear Sir, I will conclude, but let me have your comments.

Yours respectfully,
Reginald J. Blatchford
1477076 RCR-1914-1919

"Wrestholme",
3 Hayes Road,
Midsomer Norton
Nr. Bath, Somerset
15 February, 1963

The Worshipful Mayor of Taunton,
The Mansion House,
Taunton,
Somerset
Dear Sir:

Kindly allow me a little of your valued time.

On Wednesday, 13th February, I read with interest the Presentation made by Mrs. Hamilton Gault—the Ceremony taking place at a Meeting of the Borough Council.

May I, Mr. Mayor, be allowed to mention the love and affection his regiment held for him. I was a member of "The Royal Canadian Regiment". The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and my regiment always did duty together in the trenches, and I would like to mention how I became acquainted with the gallant Brig. Andrew Hamilton Gault.

On June 2nd, 1916, we were holding positions at Ypres. My regiment at Hooge, the PPCLI in Sanctuary Wood. Precisely at 9:00 a.m., the Germans started to bombard and shell every position, destroying all communications. I, Mr. Mayor, was a front line runner, and it was at this time my knowledge of the action was first hand. We suffered terrible casualties, as did the Princess Patricia's. I had to travel over "No Man's Land" to ascertain how the Princess Patricia's were situated. They had previously lost Lt. Col. Farquahr, when Brig. Hamilton Gault took over command. I was amazed to find Brig. Hamilton Gault laying there on a stretcher, fully conscious, directing his men, and absolutely refusing to leave. Finally the Medical Officer had to administer injections and it was then that I myself

directed them overland to the Medical Station. The astonishing part of all being the fact that I have never made contact with Brig. Hamilton Gault from that morning or never, yet I have been to Taunton hundreds upon hundreds of occasions.

I must mention, I did have tea with Mrs. Hamilton Gault about 8 months past, and believe me, Mr. Mayor, she was delighted.

You know, Mr. Mayor, there is one man whom I know should have received the "Victoria Cross" for bravery and devotion to duty—that personality was none other than Brig. Andrew Hamilton Gault. You see, Mr. Mayor, I was the only person outside of his regiment present. What a thousand pities I had not gone to my own Commanding Officer.

May I, in conclusion, Mr. Mayor, wish you every success in your Term of Office.

I remain, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,
R. J. Blatchford

UK Branch, PPCLI Association

29 August, 1968

Commanding Officer
PPCLI Depot
Edmonton, Alberta
Dear Sir:

I have just received from Lt. Col. Rosser your circular letter Ref. a representative to attend 50th anniversary of Battle of Mons ceremonies. **Regret we have no one to nominate.** Most of our members of 1914-18 were casualties before Nov. 11th, 1918 and others are unfit to travel. I well remember the 11th Nov., 1918, I was in Hosp. in Lancashire, and I had been put on the **Danger list** a few days before, and my father was sent for, and had been close to Hosp. for some days, then on the 11th Nov., about 10 a.m. Father came in, said Doctor had told him he could return home, as I had improved, he also told me he thought the fighting was about over. He had not been gone many minutes when the Siren at Hospital sounded, and then the rattle of logs as the Hosp. employees took a short cut past the wards to the village to

celebrate. Soon after the ward was empty of patients too, except for those of us who were unable to get out of bed. It was later that I learnt that our Regts. in 7th Brigade had taken Mons.

Yours sincerely,
Percy Boxall, **Hon. Sec.**

May 6th, 1968

Major WHJ Stutt
Secretary PPCLI Association
Edmonton
Dear Bill:

Our 49th annual dinner was held on Saturday night and as usual was quite successful. Some 66 members and guests attended. Menu is attached.

At the Head Table were seated (from left to right) Garry Bachman WW 2, Vice-Pres.; Kerry Dunphy, Korea, Sec. Ottawa Branch; Col. Shuldham Hill WW1, 89 years young; Gordon W Hughes, WW1 (one of Col. Hill's draft in 1915); Major C. O. Huggard, WW2, President; Brig. Rowan Coleman WW2, National President; Padre Stewart B. East WW2 (the Padre came late) and R. G. Barclay, WW1, Secretary.

After the toast to the Queen and the silence for our Fallen Comrades, the Secretary read the names of ten members of the Branch who had answered the last roll call since our last dinner, and five others, members of other branches well known to many of those present.

Before proposing the toast to the Colonel-in-Chief, President Huggard told the meeting of the recent meeting of the Regimental Executive Committee – Maj-Gen. Ware, Lt-Col's Potts and Peacock and Major WHJ Stutt in England with Lady Patricia, and relayed Gen. Ware's report that Lady Patricia was in good health and spirits.

The toast to The Regiment was proposed by Gordon Hughes, Past Pres. Toronto Branch, who referred to the early days. Col. Hill responded by reading references to the Regiment in an American History of WW1 written by Frederick Palmer; Brig. Coleman stressed the value of the traditions established by those who had gone before, to the WW2

personnel; and Kerry Dunphy attributed the Citation awarded the 2nd Battalion in Korea to the desire of all ranks to live up to the reputation already established. Padre East (it was his first attendance at a Branch function) attributed his success as a Padre to the training given him while attached to the Regiment in England. All of the speeches were short, sharp and to the point, allowing maximum time for those present to shoot the breeze in small groups.

The Secretary read Greetings and regrets from a number including General Ware, and the Home Station.

RG Barclay

UK BRANCH
PPCLI ASSOCIATION

8 May, 1968

The Officer Commanding
PPCLI
Edmonton, Alberta

At our Annual Luncheon in the Victory Club, London, today, Lt Col D. H. Rosser handed me your telegram of Greetings and Good Wishes, which it was my pleasure to read to our small gathering. Your message was much appreciated by all present, and your good wishes are reciprocated. Thank you very much. We were pleased to have with us three members who took part in the Battle of Frezenberg 53 years ago. They were H. F. (Paddy) O'Connell, Eric Michelmores, and Joseph Neller. Incidentally the latter was 87 years young, yesterday, and we did not know of his existence until a few weeks ago, and he had not known of our Association. I have heard that 2nd Battalion are spending three day in Ypres, and are carrying out the usual ceremonies at Frezenberg and the Menin Gate etc. They will put on the usual good show, which the PPCLI always do on parade. May I add my personal good wishes to yourself and all ranks from an "Old Fortyniner".

Yours sincerely,
Percy Boxall
Honourary Secretary
UK Branch PPCLI Assoc.

31 Myddleton Park,
London, N20, England
10 July, 1968

Commanding Officer
Princess Patricia's C.L.I.
Dear Sir:

I should like to express my gratitude for the extreme pleasure given to my family by the appearance of your troops at the Royal Tournament. My eight-year old son was proud to be able to speak to two of your younger men. Their bearing, politeness and interest in a young boy added greatly to his enjoyment and reflected great credit on your regiment.

Yours faithfully,
B. Wright

From:

The Lady Patricia Ramsay
Ribsden Holt, Windlesham, Surrey
Tel.: Bagshot 2157

Dear Major Stutt:

I want to thank you all for "The Patrician" for 1967 which has just come, but I could not resist **immediately** immersing myself in it, and gleaning the gist of Regimental doings, and I look forward to studying it all in **detail** very soon. It is of great use, as well as interest, to me, I can assure you, and I keep it constantly at hand.

What a great year 1967 was for the Regiment and all Canada!

With my best wishes to all and renewed thanks for "The Patrician".

Yours sincerely,
Patricia Ramsay
Col.-in-Chief

P.S. My hand is so **stiff** now-a-days which makes my writing well-nigh illegible, for me. I apologize.

199 Lennex St.
Ottawa
Ontario
September 7th, 1968

Dear Sir:

I have just read in the VP Journal that you are seeking information re Bands. I was just wondering how many of the original Brass Band you might have heard

from. I think the majority of the Band came from down East 140 Battalion.

I was not an original but was transferred from No. 2 Company to the Band. After we came out of the line at St. Hilarie I was called into Company HQ by Capt. Ten Brooke and asked to transfer to the Band, as they had received some casualties while bringing up rations and would I help them out.

I have forgotten the majority of those names and those I knew personally in Ottawa have all passed on.

So if there are some you might hear from I would like to know.

Thanking you,
W. G. Robert

Box 12, Red Lake, Ontario
September 8, 1968

Major WHJ Stutt
PPCLI Depot
Hamilton Gault Barracks
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are my recollections of the Christmas Dinner on the Troopship in December 1939 which a great many Patricians will remember as:

A MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS DINNER

by D. F. Parrott P22271

At the outbreak of hostilities in September 1939 the Regiment was brought to full strength; assembled in Winnipeg, then arrived in Halifax on December 18th, we had to stay on the troop train for two days at pier 22. The French Battle Ships DUNKERQUE and LA GLOIRE were berthed at piers 23 and 24, some Patricias who spoke French were given a tour of these ships, our Troopship, the ORMA, a former British Passenger liner on the Australian run, was doing its first duty in troop transportation, we were assigned excellent berths with two men to a room and a steward in attendance.

The Convoy Sailed from Halifax Harbor on December 22nd, our position being to the right of the British Battleship REVENGE and to the rear of the Polish

Ship CHOBRY which we learned was carrying the West Nova Scotia Regiment, by reading the morse code signals being flashed from ship to ship by signal lamp. The weather was reasonably pleasant for the first three days and at noon on Christmas Day we were served a lovely Christmas Dinner, for very likely the first time that the Regiment had been all together in one place since the end of the First World War.

The next day a gale came up bringing twenty to thirty foot waves, the two forward triple turrets of the REVENGE's sixteen inch naval guns would be completely covered by each wave; the grey-green sea water would cascade off the deck as the trough was reached, then the forward deck and gun turrets would plunge into the next wave, our ship was much higher out of the water which caused a pronounced roll sideways as well as plunging into the trough of each gigantic wave. This gale force wind had subsided slightly before we sighted the coast of Ireland on the evening of December 29th and early the next morning the vivid green hills of the Clyde river banks were a beautiful sight as we steamed slowly into the harbor of Greenock, Scotland as a great many of us had suffered various stages of sea sickness and I distinctly remember the Greenock Station Platform seemed to keep gently rolling like slow sea swells as we were getting on the troop train about dusk on December 30th. Early next morning we arrived at Farnborough Station near Aldershot, we were met at the station by Brigadier G. R. Pearkes and the Founder, Lt. Col. Hamilton Gault. We formed up in column of route and the General Officer of the Aldershot Command took the salute, we marched a mile or so to Morval Barracks in Cove, Hampshire where we found Sgt. Bob Deegan of the advance party rushing around with some portable kerosene stoves as the steam and water pipes in the barracks had frozen the day before arrival. During the next two days we got the pipes and ourselves thawed out, then we were given five days LANDING LEAVE in London. Sgt. Bob

Deegan (Carrier Platoon, H.Q. Coy) missed that lovely Christmas Dinner on board our troopship but he had the distinction of being the first Patricia to land in Britain in the Second World War as he was the first man off the ship when the advance party under Captain C. B. Ware landed in Greenock, Scotland on December 18th, 1939. The Regiment were probably not able to be together again in one place to have Christmas Dinner till after the Second World War.

D. F. Parrott, P22271

5042 Manor St.
Vancouver 16, B.C.
September 22, 1968

The Editor of the Patrician
Regimental Depot
PPCLI

Dear Sir:

I wish our Colonel, Major General CB Ware DSO, CD and our President Brigadier Rowan C Coleman, DSO, MC, and all members of the PPCLI Association to know how proud and honoured I feel to have been chosen to represent our famous Regiment in Ottawa to mark the 50th anniversary of the Armistice ending World War I.

I am very proud to say I have known and shaken the hands of all our 1st War Commanders, Lt Col F. D. Farquhar DSO in Ottawa Aug 12, 1914, Lt Col HC Buller, DSO April 1915, Lt Col Agar SAM Adam DSO while serving as Capt on May 8 1915 with his arm swinging and taking S.A.A. from the dead and wounded and passing it to us firing on the Germans, who were advancing in mass formation and again later when he took command. Lieut Colonel A Hamilton Gault Feb 1914, May 8 1915, June 1916, Nov 1918 Lieutenant Colonel CJT Stewart, DSO and Bar, June 1916 at Leaford, England Aug 1918, Quiant during the last advance in No. 4 Coy dugout when his Highness the Prince of Wales visited us.

I also had the honour as a cadet meeting and shaking hands with HRH the Duke of Connaught, KGKP, CCB, GCSJ, GCMG, GCIE, GCVO, 8 June

1917, Her Highness Lady Patricia was also present at Bexhill when we were inspected by the Duke.

Lt Col RT Pelly DSO granted me permission to marry while on the strength of the Regiment when Lt Col Niven was Adjutant Aug-Sept 1915, leave was delayed and we were married by special licence Nov 23 1915. I am pleased to say we are still happily together.

Having served as an NCO in the ranks with Lt Col AG Pearson, MC, DCM, Lt Col Ten Brocke MC and Bar, Lt Col JN Edgar MC and Bar, Lt Col JH Carvosso, MC and Bar we have been true friends during the past 50 years. In the 2nd War I enlisted and served under Jim Carvosso until transferred as RQMS at the QTC Brooksville where an old friend Col Gregg VC was Officer Commanding in 1941.

It has been such a pleasure to know such men as Maj-Gen AE Potts, CB, Major General CB Ware DSO, CD, Brigadier Rowan C Coleman DSO, MC, Lt Col RP Clark, DSO and so many others who have served in our great Regiment. I still have many friends with whom I served still living and keep in touch with them by mail. I have also tried to assist quite a few of my old comrades and friends who from 1914 to 1918 were the real fighting men of the Regiment and due to circumstances had reached skid row. Many of them have gone to their final rest.

Again I thank you all for the honour you have given me and I hope to remain a true Patrician until my call to rest comes.

With best wishes to all Patricians wherever you serve.

Sincerely yours,
WJ Popey, 1716 Lt, 1st War
M45464 RQMS,
OTC Brockville, 2nd War

P.S. One man in our Regiment I have overlooked in this letter, but have always admired him is that baby-faced Corporal who joined us with the 1st McGill draft and heard Col Pelly address the Regiment, NCO's and men of the Princess Patricias and gentlemen from McGill.

That true Patrician and my friend Brigadier JA de Lalanne, CBE, MC, a helper to all veterans.

"Jardine",
Scott's Grove Rd.,
Chobham,
Woking, Surrey,
England.

14 November, 1968

Dear Lieut Cole:

Our UK Branch was represented at Mons on 11th Nov, by Major Len Holloway, Reg Wootton, and myself, all old 49ers, regrettably no old PPCLI was able to be present. Reg Wootton and I went to Ypres on the 7th, and while there met Mr. Verstrate and other old friends, and visited Lt Georges Memorial Church, and the PPCLI Memorial at Frezenburg, and of course attended the "Last Post" ceremony at the Menin Gate, on both evenings we were in Ypres. We travelled on to Mons on the 9th Nov, found ourselves a billet, then in the evening made contact with the official party, and Howard Ferguson and "Red" Jack Blewett. On Sunday aft the 10th we went with them to Casteau for a ceremony, and reception. On Monday Len Holloway joined us, and we attended the main ceremony on the square at Mons. Speeches, and sounding of Last Post, by nine countries represented each sounding of "Last Post", or its equivalent followed by national anthem of that country. Of course that made rather a long period of "Standing to attention, and we were pleased to be able to restore the circulation when we marched off, and then returned to the Square for the March past. We were led all the time by band and Guard of Honour, supplied by **The Regiment**. Possibly the last time I shall have the honour, and pleasure of marching with the Regt. We were then guests of City of Mons at a Vin d'Honneur, followed by Banquet in Town Hall at which General Clarke (Brigadier of 7th Bde in November 1918) was present. We left Town Hall and attended ceremony at Memorial on the "Mound", PPCLI supplied, "Firing Party", Buglers etc, and

a lone piper of 42nd, Black Watch of Canada, played a lament. Then back on Square again we watched PPCLI "Beat Retreat". After that we attended a reception given by the boys of PPCLI. That is a short account of Nov 11th, 1968 in Mons, now to the real purpose of this letter. Major Len Holloway MC, MM, was Intelligence Officer of 49th Battalion in Nov 1918 and led a patrol into Mons on Nov 9th, and he has an original, "Proclamation of Armistice", posted up in Mons for Nov 11th, 1918. He has offered this Proclamation for the Regimental Museum, if you would like to accept it. Would you write to him direct if you decide to accept or decline his offer. He expects to leave England in two weeks from now, for a warmer climate during the winter months.

Best Wishes to all at the Home Station.

Yours sincerely,

Percy Boxall

Editor's Note:— *The following is the article Mr Stephens mentions in the foregoing letter. It appeared in the Oakville Beaver on Thursday May 9, 1968.*

MADemoISELLE FROM ... AND ALL THAT!

There was no music at the annual and forty-ninth regimental dinner of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry association, held last Saturday night in the Mayfair Room of the King Edward Hotel in Toronto.

And no one sang even one verse of the eighty-eight-odd colorful and unprintable chapters in the regimental anthem, "The Ric-A-Dam-Doo".

Even the unrivalled regimental march comprised of "Has Anyone Seen The Colonel?" (He's lying on the canteen floor), "Mademoiselle From Armentieres" and "It's A Long Way To Tipperary" remained silent and still.

There was just no band, that's all.

There were youngsters from the First World War, a few from the Second Bash and several of the Korean campaign, the quiet was in which the Pats were the only Canadian regiment to receive the U.S. Presidential Citation. A smattering of old

sergeants, a couple of colonels, a brigadier, some trusty privates and one bloody bandsman.

This regiment was formed during the First War and on May 28, 1916 the PPCLI Comedy Company was created from several musicians and artists in the front line unit. They gave their first concert in the townhall of Steenboorde on June 18, 1916 and so was born the PPCLI musical heritage.

They carried on as a regimental show until July 1917 when, along with other frontline entertainers, they established what became internationally known as THE DUMBELLS.

In between the two wars, the tradition of music was further enhanced by the famous Princess Pats Band under the astute leadership of Captain 'Tommy' James who led his musicians to world wide recognition in the twenties and early thirties.

About the end of that era I came along. Regimental number P.22191, Bandsman, for the use of, Stephens, WR.

With the outbreak of the Second Issue, bands of course were found to be unnecessary and the younger members were dispersed to various essential army duties such as stretcher bearers, clerks and waterboys, and went overseas with the First Contingent in 1939. By destroying the then famous Pats band the strength of the Overseas Canadian Army was increased by 15.

Several years later, however, Canada sent over one Lt L Streeter, known as The Great White Chief, who quickly formed divisional bands for the Canadian Army in England. Lt Streeter was PPCLI, and most of the first band formed were members of the PPCLI.

After the era in 1949, the Pats Band was again established in Calgary under the leadership of Capt A Brown, who first learned to play trombone in the Oakville Citizens band and who is now commanding the service bands for Canada from Ottawa.

In 1953, Capt F McLeod assumed command of the now 55 piece PPCLI band and it was at the British Empire

Games in Vancouver, 1954 that the first Military Tattoo emerged. This was later enlarged by another Pat bandmaster, Capt H Jeffery who produced the startling Tattoo for the World's Fair in Seattle.

The musicians of the Pats have more than contributed their share to the history of the regiment and also play a very important part in the cultural life of Canada. Only last year the musical circles of Edmonton were shocked and alarmed over Ottawa's decision to move the PPCLI Band to another location. Without the members of the Pats band, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra would be forced to close activities.

And what good is a Ric-A-Dam-Doo without a band?

W Ray Stephens,
2145 Rebecca St.,
Oakville, Ontario
December 6, 1968

Captain VD Cole, MM, CD,
Regimental Adjutant,
PPCLI, Currie Barracks,
Calgary 7, Alberta

Dear Captain Cole:

I appreciate the form letter concerning the new status of the regiment and regret

the Depot in Edmonton has now been disbanded.

In particular I am concerned over the possible fate of the regimental brass band as it is generally referred to. Will the band still exist? I realize the moving the band itself has created a musical problem in the City of Edmonton and there is feeling in the cultural circles that the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra cannot carry on without the aid of such capable musicians as are in the PPCLI Band.

As you can see by the enclosed column of mine, I attended one of the last Toronto meetings and since I was once a member of the regimental band (as of April 1936), I had the urge to write accordingly.

Several years ago I had the pleasure of quietly visiting the Regimental museum at the Edmonton Depot and I was more than impressed. I even sent Major Stutt a clipping or two from my old scrap book. This museum is a must and I am pleased to see that it will carry on under your supervision. Now that it will be in Calgary I do trust that ex-Sgt Major Bill Gardner might become actively involved in the museum which, I am led to believe, was an original of his.

I am also enclosing part of a brochure prepared by my music company on John



The Band of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, circa 1937, Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. The following have been identified by Mr WR Stephens. The Drum Major, L/Cpl WHJ Stutt, now retired as a Major. Others in a general left to right order are Stephens, MacDonald, behind him Crawford, McKeever, behind him Mercer, and the rear file from front to rear Tigertwood, Britten, Grant, Morris, Keeler, Baldrey

Kirby, who is one of Canada's leading music educators.

It was John who actually created my renewed interest in the association, although he is a veteran of the First War Patricias. I mention these points as general interest for I feel that it is important that all previous members of all ages become involved in the preservation of the Regiment and the associations.

As a token of my consideration I am also enclosing a snap of the Patricias lined up for a parade with the band in front. I am the bass player to the left of the picture, or on the right side facing front. This was taken in Fort Osborne barracks, Winnipeg and the rooms above the band are the actual bandrooms of that period. Notice that the Lance-Corporal in front acting as Drum Major is Bill Stutt! I think this must have been in 1937 or 1938. This was the time when the regiment marched four abreast and the front line all topped 6 foot 5 inches. Stutt being 6 ft 6 or something and Colonel Colquhoun having about half-inch above that. I have treasured this snap so hope it can find a place in the 1937 era.

Finally, I notice in the 1967 VP under the Toronto branch, that I have been given a strange number H.182250? My regimental number is P22191.

Best regards and good luck,
Ray Stephens

110 Park Road,
Toronto 5, Ontario
January 24th, 1969

Dear Captain Cole:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter about my father. His death certainly came as a complete surprise to all of us. He hadn't been feeling too well before Christmas but he didn't let on that it was as serious as it eventually proved to be. Apparently, he died peacefully while he was sleeping in his arm-chair. None of us have really recovered from the shock.

I am very grateful to you for the things

you said about him in your letter. In the past two weeks I have been very moved by a number of members of your Princess Patricia Organization, particularly the ones I met for the first time at the funeral.

I knew that his association with the 'Patricias' was always a source of great pride to him, after meeting some of his comrades, I understand better why the work that you mention which he did for the organization always gave him such pleasure and satisfaction.

You may have already heard from my brother. Captain John Barclay. Dad wanted him to continue with his manuscripts and stories, so John has taken them all back with him to Ottawa where he is stationed. When he has these papers sorted out, he will be sending you the few remaining mementoes for your museum.

I would be very grateful if you would express my sincere thanks and that of the whole family to the Commanding Officer and All Ranks of the Home Station and to the members of the PPCLI Association who have been so thoughtful and generous to all of us. The flowers which you sent were a great comfort, especially to my mother.

Again, thank you for your kind letter and please let me know if there is ever anything I can do.

Sincerely,
Robert Barclay

3rd Bn The Royal Green Jackets
BFPO 23
7th February, 1969

The Editor
"The Patrician"
PPCLI
Currie Barracks
Calgary, Alberta
Dear Sir:

I find it hard to believe that sixteen months ago Jenny and I left 1st Battalion in Edmonton. The months have simply flashed by and I am rather ashamed I have not put pen to paper to you before now. One way and another I seem to

have got quite a lot of news and I am not altogether sure where I should start.

I am delighted to say we have retained contact with many of our friends in both battalions. Our various correspondents keep us well in touch and we eventually hear about most of the significant postings and events.

2nd Battalion kindly asked me to their Kapyong Dinner in April 1968 and I need hardly say I thoroughly enjoyed myself. It was fun meeting so many old friends after what was then an eighteen month gap—and I enjoyed their undivided attention whilst I recounted my visit to Expo. It seemed odd that a 'foreigner' should be telling them about this magnificent achievement in their own country,—but such are one's circumstances in the Army. During the evening I also stole a short interlude in the Sergeants' Mess. Things hadn't changed a bit—the hospitality and friendship was tremendous and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing many old friends again.

During the summer I had to go back to England to attend the Support Company Commanders Course. This was a very leisurely course and designed to prepare me for my present job. It was interesting and fun—and all the more so when I discovered I was about to be lectured by Rod Middleton on one occasion when the course visited Old Sarum.

My next surprise was a little late in the summer. This came one day when I was sitting in my office minding my own business. The telephone rang and to my astonishment my caller announced himself as Harry Bloom. He was supposed to be in Cyprus—or so I thought—and I couldn't understand why he should be ringing me from there. However, I soon discovered that he had escaped the clutches of Colonel Arthur Potts and was enjoying a very short leave in Germany. He gave me a quick rundown of life with 1st Battalion in Cyprus and then said he couldn't get up to see us as he had no time to spare—a pity because I had lots to ask him.

Life then seemed to rush madly by with exercises and so on and before we

knew it Christmas was upon us. The "keep in touch" time of year had arrived with a vengeance and we seemed to send almost as many across the Atlantic as we did across the Channel. I was particularly delighted to get my annual card from the terrible tri of Richardson, Shawcross and Wilson—a torrid reminder of my happy days in "A" Company and a gesture I appreciate enormously.

Immediately after Christmas we had a small invasion. Peter, Nan and Anna Maione came to stay for a couple of nights and we couldn't have enjoyed their visit more. It was all too short but great fun and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with the 2nd Battalion gossip.

Lou Grimshaw has suddenly started to strut around like a peacock. Six feet tall. It must be something to do with becoming a father; Heather produced Louis Christopher Edward Grimshaw two days ago and all three are doing well.

I have heard from my successor, David Williams, quite frequently. He writes glowing reports of his exchange tour and is clearly enjoying life every bit as much as I did. I enjoyed Edmonton, but I must admit that I do slightly regret not having been in Calgary.

Some of you may have heard I have decided to leave the Army. It is a big decision to make—and in many respects a sad one—but for a multitude of reasons I feel compelled to go. However I am negotiating for one of two jobs and I hope I shall find my new life both rewarding and satisfying.

In order to meet your deadline, Sir, I fear this is a very hurried and rather disjointed letter. However, if it does nothing else it gives Jenny and I—and our two Canadian acquisitions—the opportunity of sending our very best wishes to our many friends in both Battalions.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Littlehale

Editor's Note:— *Major PG Littlehale served with First and Second Battalion as a British exchange officer, for two years, prior to his return to England and his Regiment in October, 1967.*

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The P.P.C.L.I. Comedy Company

INTRODUCTION

It was a month or so after Passchendaele, that most useless and sanguinary battle in which the Regiment suffered 363 casualties out of a fighting strength of 600. It had been a battle not only against the pick of the German army but against nature itself — the leaden skies, the water-logged terrain and everywhere the mud, mud, mud. The cost of those few thousand yards of useless ground had indeed been heavy, and the toll which had been exacted from those who were left was still being paid.

The horror of Passchendaele was still with the men who shuffled into the improvised theatre on that December night. It was in their dragging feet, their slumped shoulders, their blank and wooden faces and their glazed eyes. Never had Jack McLaren, Tom Lilly, Freddie Fenwick and the others faced such a dead audience, not even at Steenvoorde when, eighteen months before, they played their first show. Then it had been a hostile audience, now it was one without any feeling. For the first ten or fifteen minutes there was no reaction, then something more outrageous than usual from the stage lighted a small spark, and by intermission time there were some signs of life. The players worked their hardest, never had they put more into their efforts, but it was like punching a feather bed. Suddenly the spark ignited, the audience came alive and when the curtain came down for the last time, it was to the usual roars of applause. A dead Regiment had come alive, and in two hours the Comedy Company had done more to restore the morale of a fighting unit than all the month long efforts of officers, NCO's, doctors, padres and the rest.

The names of those who so truly laid the foundations of a great Regiment are well known — Farquhar, Gault, Buller, Hughie Niven, Charlie Stewart, Talbot Papineau and Harry Mullin, Hugh Mackenzie, Bob Spall and all the rest. To those names should be added the members of the Comedy Company. These are the men who spread green rushes under our feet and lifted up our hearts when we needed it most.

Jack McLaren was one of the original seven members, and was with the show until it merged with the Dumbells at Armistice time, fifty years ago. We will let Jack tell the story. Unfortunately, space in the "Patrician" is limited, and if you want more, consult MacLean's Magazine, Jan. 1 and May 15, 1929. Most libraries have it. Here is Jack's story.

R.G.B.

MIRTH AND MUD

by J. W. McLAREN

Toward the end of May, 1916, the battalion was lying in a rest camp near Ypres. The evening came that we were to go up and relieve the R.C.R. in the front line. The sector to be taken over was right up at the nose of the salient. A pleasant little job.

Just before we moved off, there were six surprised men who were told to report to the Paymaster, Captain Pembroke, at the transport lines about two kilometers back. They were Privates T. J. Lilly, W. I. Cunningham, P. D. Ham, S. Morrison, F. Fenwick and the present writer. I do not know what the thoughts were that passed through the minds of the others, but on my way over the fields to



The PPCLI Comedy Company. Some of the members are shown here in a studio photograph. Standing L to R Langley, Hamilton, Mert Plunkett, Allen Tennant, McLean, Jack McLaren. Sitting L to R Wells, Murray, Newman, Fred Fenwick, Ayre.

the transport lines I asked myself — Have I been overpaid? Am I going to be shot at dawn? Am I going to be discharged or am I to be specially equipped for a raid into Fritz's trenches?

When we arrived, we were lined up and told that we were to miss a trip in the line and rehearse a little show instead. The paymaster who was quite a comedian, would be one of the party. Oh, lucky seven! What a wonderful night. What a glorious sunset. The party was to be known as the Princess Pats Comedy Company.

The morning after the great liberation was a different story. The lucky seven were to rehearse a show, but they had to write it first and they only had seven days to do it in.

Well, after all, we figured that the things the boys would like best would be local topics; so the dugout, the orderly room, the sick parade and the C.O.'s headquarters were selected. The show was written by the seven sitting around a shell hole.

The rehearsal for a show in those days was funnier than the actual show — rehearsals always are. But here in the quietest corner of the transport lines, behind a hedge, a space was marked out with stones to represent a stage with entrances and exists on either side. Ham was chosen as stage manager and the fight was on. High in the blue heavens above, the Allemand would be over in his plane watching everything, and our anti-aircraft guns would open up on him. The falling shrapnel was often provoking and a very disturbing feature when rehearsal was in full swing. It had to stop until a "better 'ole" was found. The battalion grooms too, while out exercising their horses, would suddenly come across us in our secluded corner and stop dead. They would loop the loop backwards three times, pull their horses to safety, then beat it.

It was just in this very corner that the first girl "beauty chorus" sprouted. Of course we had to have ladies in the party, which meant wigs. Major Adamson was supposed to be returning from England with costumes, but we hadn't the foggiest idea of what he would bring, and we doubted if he would run to wigs. In the back garden of what had once been a beautiful cottage there were two chairs. One stood upright and the other evidently had fainted. Imagine the hearty cheers and a tiger when we discovered that the stuffing of these chairs was horsehair, and what beautiful wigs it made. That same night we discovered the hide of a calf on the walls of a nearby barn. A calf! Yes, and more. Here was our second big strike. With the aid of a jack-knife and darkness enough of the bovine youngster's hide was secured to make excellent beards and moustaches.

About the fifth day of our rehearsals word came that the Germans had broken through the salient and the battalion had been badly cut up. Of course, shows were forgotten. We donned our equipment and went up the line. That was the night of June 2nd. After we were relieved a very small scattering of the PPCLI went back to Steenvoorde to wait for reinforcements. Never was entertainment needed more. As the morale of the men was low, it was decided to put on a show.

In Steenvoorde there is a little upstairs hall with no ventilation and a fair stage. We used bunting as scenery and illuminated it with acetylene lights. All was set for our first show when we were confronted with a terrible dilemma — we had no pianist. Someone mentioned a Norman Clarke who had come up with the last draft, so he was immediately lassoed and brought into the corral.

As Norman himself confessed, he lacked the theatrical experience necessary to accompany a Revue type show, however, he proved to be very handy with a hammer, and so was elected property man without a dissenting vote. He had one good idea that night. He opened the windows and thumped away at the piano, hoping to lure some Rachmaninoff to the keyboard, but after an hour and a half no one suitable had appeared. Defeated, we went off to our bully-beef supper. Imagine our joy when, on our return to the theatre, from the open window came the strains of the most wonderful music. When we had fought our way through the horde of listeners on the stairs, there he was with a mess tin on his belt-hook, no puttees, a balaclava on his head, our great white hope, literally making that piano eat out of his two hands. The player was Leonard Young of the 9th Field Ambulance, and our immediate worries were over.

But were they? We had a curtain drawn over the stage so that the audience couldn't see us, but we could peer through the burlap and see and hear them — and they weren't exactly shouting compliments at us. This is the picture. The month is June. The summer weather is beautiful. The troops had been paid twenty crisp new francs. The lure of the estaminet was on them, and then half of the battalion had been made to forego such pleasant surroundings and fall in and parade to an entertainment some six kilometers from their billets. We were the Christians awaiting in our cells to be thrown to the lions and they hungered for blood.

The first number was a burlesque on "Uncle Tom's Cabin". Through a torrent of boos, hisses and vulgar references to parentage, the lucky seven fought their lines across to the enemy. The Thespians rolled up their sleeves, put their ears well back and gritted their teeth. We silenced about 25% of the audience. Round two was a single, a funny song sung by Captain Pembroke. The round went in favour of the audience but they were beginning to weaken. Round three was a duet with chorus. The audience was groggy now and on the entrance of the chorus at the end of verse one, we had them taking the count. The next act was a sketch in which a comic staff officer and a private appeared, played by T. J. Lilly and me.

The lads out in front fairly gobbled up this part of the menu and cried for more. The trick had been turned, and the world was safe for democracy and concert parties. Compulsory parades from now on were taboo.

We never looked back, and continued to play to packed houses throughout the summer. In September the Canadian Corps went down to the Somme, and we were told to follow as best we could. Thanks to the taking ways of Norm Clarke, our meagre properties which in the beginning filled only a few ration bags, had swelled to two lorry loads. We found an Artillery Battery which was going down by rail, and bagged a flat car from an obliging RTO. On arriving at Warloy, we threw a marque against the end of an old house, and the pioneer battalion built a stage and put in bench seats. It was here that the Comedy Company did some of its best work. Men who had been in the thick of the Somme battles, just a few hours before made up our audiences; some with bandaged heads or arms in a sling, or perhaps with a touch of shell shock. How those lads enjoyed the shows. Possibly the finest compliment we ever had came from the C.O. of a dressing station across the road, who came over one day and said: "You fellows are doing far more for the troops than I can, with all the pills medicines and medical supplies I have. You're a Godsend."

The Corps left the Somme on October 10th, but in the mad scramble we were forgotten and left behind. No rations, no billets. We were forlorn. Eventually we arrived at railhead, and after some palaver with the RTO were told to pile on to a train which would leave in 15 minutes. That was at 5:30 a.m. Nothing happened. At noon the engine took off for God knows where. We settled down for the night, cold and hungry. In the still of the night, there was a mighty bang, followed by much shouting in French and English and toots on a falsetto horn. We travelled all that night, all the next day and another night and finally arrived back where we had started from. The second try was more successful, and that evening we arrived at Barlin, the Vimy railhead.

We were home again, and in short order were back in business. A happy reference to the Quartermaster in one of our shows brought us new uniforms from the skin out, a permanent hut with, glory be, a stove. A raid on a deserted convent in Hersin gave us new scenery and the Royal closets in England disgorged costumes both male and female. Col. Claude Hill of the R.C.R. loaned his band, one of the finest in France, and from then on they orchestrated all our music, and the wonderful tone of their reed section provided a wonderful accompaniment.

For our Christmas show at Mont St. Eloi in 1916, we put on a pantomime called "Alladin", localized of course to the army vernacular. For this show we decided to re-paint our scenery, and an engineer's dump yielded (by moonlight) brushes, colors and size. Unfortunately there was no white, so we filled a sandbag with chunks of chalk which Fritzie's guns had knocked from some of the neighboring villas. When this was properly pounded to powder and mixed with size, we had a fair imitation of the real thing. The Magic Cave of Treasure became a canteen showing divers beer barrels, rum jars and other well recognized receptacles. A painted backdrop of the Mont St. Eloi tower for our first act brought down the house. The last scene was in a palace, and Nobby Clarke with only a jack-knife and can opener cut up dozens of biscuit tins which were nailed to the flats and reflected the lights from the "foots" — eight acetylene lamps. At the top of the staircase stood a large tin of MacConachie.

One performance which stands out clearly in my memory was the one on New Year's Eve. It was to start at 10 p.m. and finish at the entrance of the New Year. Our prognostications of it being a well-received show proved only too true, for suddenly in the middle of a song or sketch, some feeble-minded offspring of a wealthy Canadian parent would suddenly come to and applaud most vocifer-

ously. Toward the end of the show, a whole bench suddenly collapsed throwing the occupants to the floor where they decided to finish their slumbers. At five minutes to twelve the Colonel and his staff were played in by the Pipe Band, the signal for another great ovation. We thought the show was finished, but the audience would have none of it, and did not call quits until each of us had done several impromptu turns. It was then about 3 a.m.

During this period we put on a new show every month, playing at Barlin, Bruay, Ecoives and Mont St. Eloi. In one of these shows we had a quartette in a dug out. The set was composed of sand-bags filled with straw and hung on a light, square frame, so that the whole set could be easily moved by one man. On occasion, quartette harmony trouble occurs, and a rancid note will float out. One night the quartette was gathered around the brazier dispensing close harmony with much gusto, when suddenly it happened — out came the sour note, fortissimo. Three of the four carried on, but the fourth, his feelings badly offended, quit; and arose bearing the whole dug-out on his shoulders, shouting: "You can finish the goddamn number yourselves" and with a torrent of army language that would make a sergeant wince, made his exit, leaving the others to get off the stage as best they could.

Another number which drew great applause was the "High Diving Act." On one side of the stage stood a large "prop" water tank, while on the other side a ladder went up into the "flys". The "speeler" had a long fast line about the tank and the diver, Vera Skinnay, who would dive from the roof, 200 feet above, executing a Jack Knife Triple Flop, reverse, horizontal, perpendicular, swansong dive, passing through the barrel of a Lee-Enfield rifle, into the tank, without spilling a drop of water, etc. After much stage business accompanied by circus music, Vera went up the ladder and disappeared in the flys. Allowing enough time for Vera to come down back stage and get round into the tank, a dummy diver, dressed like Vera, plunged down from above and splashed into the tank, accompanied by a roll on the drum and the crash of cymbals. A can full of rice was thrown from the tank to simulate the splash and Vera, her mouth full of water which she splashed on the stage, stepped out of the tank and onto the stage, bowing profusely to the strains of suitable music.

One night Vera over-stimulated himself with army issue rum. He was a little exuberant on his entrance, but managed to mount the ladder safely. Once there, he refused to come down, despite anguished pleas to get the hell down and into the tank. Finally a task force of two went aloft and managed to get the inebriate into the tank, where he proceeded to throw out everything available, the dummy, the rice, the glass of water, the chair and last of all Vera's wig came sailing through the air, followed by Vera "herself", who pointed out that the whole thing had been a fake.

Our fame spread, and what started out as a battalion show spread to brigade and division. Perhaps due to our success, the top brass became interested and soon other companies were operating, most of them under the YMCA. In June our company was temporarily disbanded and the players returned to their companies. There was fairly heavy fighting during the summer, culminating in the Passchendaele show, and when we got out of that, and it was decided to re-activate the Comedy Company, four of our number had gone down the line, three wounded and another on a course. To take their places we found S. G. Nicholls, a splendid tenor; W. Filson, a strong baritone; C. Hillman, an experienced actor; C. Stephens, a female impersonator; W. Kilpatrick, who took over "Nobby" Clarke's job as property man; N. D. Nicholson a more than competent pianist — these added to the old originals T. J. Lilly, Fred Fenwick and myself, made up the second party.

Just before Christmas, 1917, the battalion moved back to the Vimy front,

March 21st, and the great German drive which almost wiped out the British 5th and for the next couple of months we played in the old familiar places. Then came Army. All the available troops were called back to front line duty, and we cleaned our rifles and polished our brass, ready to go back to our companies. After some days, a messenger finally came, and I was ordered to report to the Colonel. Imagine my surprise when I was handed an order, not for the trenches, but to take the Concert Party to London for a Command performance. I'll never understand the army. Here we were in the middle of a decisive battle when every man was needed, and we were ordered to London. Back with the company, the boys wouldn't believe it until the trucks arrived to take our props to storage, the tailor came to fit our new outfits; and sundry brass hats drilled us on the correct behaviour when confronted with Royalty.

On arrival in London, we were put up at the Regent Palace Hotel where everything was on the house except reanimating beverages — a far cry from the Somme and no rations. Ah, *c'est la guerre!* The great day finally arrived when we appeared at the Apollo Theatre before Royalty. We were enthusiastically received. The last of our five acts was a scene in Hell. Old Nick was seated on his throne, surrounded by his imps, and there came hurtling down a chute in turn such repulsive army characters as the sergeant-major, the paymaster, the sanitary man and the conscientious objector, each one of whom on arrival being sentenced to various fiery punishments. The last to arrive was Kaiser Bill himself, and when his satanic majesty was confronted by the War Lord, he immediately cringed and warped into snivelling submission and abdicated his throne in favour of the Kaiser, declaring he was an amateur compared to him. That was the end of the show, but when the cue line was given, the curtain stayed up. Kaiser Bill, on the throne, ventriloquised the message to the wings to drop the curtain. Nothing happened. Again the Kaiser, through clenched teeth entreated: "Please, give us the curtain." Again nothing, so stepping off the throne, he goose-stepped to the wings, and in a clarion voice that echoed through the theatre shouted: "Come on, Doc, drop the bloody curtain." The whole audience, including the Royal party, roared their approval. No finer denouement of a play could possibly be written.

We had been told to get into our uniforms as quickly as possible after the show, to receive Royalty, but either the curtain calls took too long, or the royal party was too impatient, for the Royal party arrived in our dressing room while we were still in our bulbous army issue underwear. But the Royal party took the situation in its stride and carried on the usual chit-chat with nonchalance. What might easily have become embarrassing confusion turned into a loud buffo, when King George V, in parting, said to his Mary: "Come on, Doc, Let's drop the bloody curtain and go."

These stories could go on forever, but space will not permit. But, before I write the last chapter there is one more that must be included. Just outside St. Hilaire, where we stayed for some time, was a Chinese Labour Battalion. These Orientals had been brought to France to work behind the lines building reserve trench lines, light railways, handle engineer supplies and ammunition, and for any other heavy labour. They were a strange lot and while their official uniform was a blue blouse with brass buttons, they loved to discard it in favour of more bizarre items of dress and adornment. Celluloid wing collars, brown bowler hats, umbrellas, everything and anything took their fancy and their meagre pay. They held a strange fascination for T. J. Lilly and he spent a lot of time studying the "Heathen Chinees" at close quarters. The result was one of his finest efforts. Two pieces of tape pulled back his eyelids to the almond shape he desired, a pigtail and a blue issue blouse completed the transformation. His only props were two upright posts holding a Union Jack, which, with a quick flip of the

wrist was removed, disclosing a row of socks; little ones on the left growing in size to large ones on the right. After a great harangue in Montreal Chinese, with a few Scottish words thrown in, he commenced to play "The Blue Bells of Scotland", ably assisted, of course, by someone off stage. News of this strange Chinaman reached the Chinese Battalion, and one night many of them came to investigate while the act was on. They crowded around the stage door and on to the stage in a great state of perplexity and confusion, trying to discover more of this strange countryman of theirs to the great joy of Lilly, the cast and the audience.

When we got back to France after playing the St. James theatre and at Bexhill, the Canadians were on the move. Amiens, Monchy, Canal du Nord, Valenciennes followed each other in quick succession and there was no time for concert parties. The concert party took root at Frevant and shortly after were joined by Capt. Mert Plunkett and the Dumbells. We decided to join forces and put on Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore". On November 10th we moved to Valenciennes, and the following day — Armistice Day — to Mons. We were ready to open that night, but the Germans had cut all the wiring in the theatre and we opened the following evening, to a roaring capacity audience of 2000 soldiers and civilians who wouldn't let us go until they and we were exhausted. After three weeks of that we went to Brussels for a three day rest — the most strenuous rest I have ever experienced. We had to give a concert before we even got out of our truck. We roller-skated down the main streets, giving impromptu concerts and speeches whenever we saw a balcony. We stopped shows in the theatres, snarled the traffic in the streets and gave a swimming and diving exhibition in the fountains in front of the Bourse. Eventually we returned to Mons, as the Psalmist has said: "Weary, sore-distressed and languid", and with a bad case of laryngitis. A few weeks later we returned to Brussels to give a special performance for King Albert and his Queen — the first performance staged there by British troops since the night before the battle of Waterloo.

Slowly we made our way through the towns of Flanders and France until we reached the base at LeHavre. Here we packed up our gear to go to England, and then on to Canada and demobilization.

But that was not the end. In the summer of 1919 the Dumbells were re-born under Mert Plunkett, and for nearly three years we played every city, town and hamlet in Canada and many places in the USA, winding up on Broadway. But that is another story and it's high time to say again:

"Come on, Doc, drop the bloody Curtain."

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The year 1968 has again brought about many changes in units and establishments within the Canadian Armed Forces.

On the 1st of February the RCN, Army, RCAF, became one with the promulgation of the Act making us the Canadian Armed Forces. We now refer to ourselves as being part of the Land Environment.

Within the Regimental Depot this change in structure went practically unnoticed in the light of a much greater impending personal change; the disbandment of the Depot. This omen of doom was received early in the year and was met with mixed emotions. It was not a bolt from the blue as we had known, for some time, that is was to take place.

The implications of such a disbandment, at first, staggered the imagination. Postings, destruction of files, future of the Home Station, control of the PPCLI Association, the Museum, the archives, the list can go on ad infinitum. With this disbandment, the move of First Battalion to Calgary and the Battalion physically in Cyprus crystal balls and ouiji boards were much in evidence.

The first ray of light was the news that an element of the Depot would remain on the ground until the 31st of October. With the last recruit platoon graduating on the 5th of June, this gave us a much needed breathing space. It afforded sufficient time to disband without haste and assist in the move of the First Battalion to Calgary.

The sequence of possibilities is now lost to antiquity but will never be forgotten. The possibility of an amalgamation of infantry units was explored; the delegation of authority for Regimental affairs was bantered about; the Canadian Airborne Regiment was coming to Edmonton and it wasn't; the PPCLI Home Station was going to Calgary and it wasn't; finally the fog lifted and the pieces of the puzzle fell into place.

An attempt will be made here to put down the sequence of what actually took place.

On the 5th of June the final recruit platoon graduated. The reviewing officer was Colonel, now Brigadier General, RS Graham, CD from Training Command Headquarters. After his address to the recruits General Graham addressed the Depot staff. The General is an ex-Patricia and it was obvious he was just as concerned as all of us at the demise of the Depot.

PLATOONS GRADUATED 1968

Serial 203 Fortunato Platoon:		Graduating Date 14 Feb 68
BEST RECRUIT	708 511 563 Cfn Anderson JD, RCEME	
PLATOON COMMANDER/SERGEANT ..	Sgt Pelletier JVJ, CD	
INSPECTING OFFICER	Major WHJ Stutt, CD	
Serial 204 Fosso Munio Platoon:		Graduating Date 3 Apr 68
BEST RECRUIT	614 716 584 Cfn Melnick RH, RCEME	
PLATOON COMMANDER	Sgt Steadman RG	
PLATOON SERGEANT	Cpl Lowry RE	
INSPECTING OFFICER	Major WHJ Stutt, CD	
Serial 205 North West Europe Platoon:		Graduating Date 5 Jun 68
BEST RECRUIT	615 592 714 Pte Lastoski RJF, RCASC	
PLATOON COMMANDER	Capt GJK Reynolds	
PLATOON SERGEANT	Sgt Niel GBC	
INSPECTING OFFICER	Col RS Graham, CD	

Following the graduation of North West Europe Platoon, the administrative side of the house absorbed the Training side. Stage one was the turning in of all stores from Training Wing. This was completed with dispatch and efficiency by Capt DIT Roe, CD and his staff. The Chief Instructor, Major DS Robertson, CD began preparation for his posting to Pakistan.

Farewells were the order of the day for quite a period of time to follow.	
MAJ DS Robertson, CD to UNMOG	SGT Summersgill RH, CD to 2 PPCLI
India, Pakistan	CPL Barker JM to 2 CDO
CAPT CH Lock, CD to NSAWS	CPL Carev WG, CD, RCME to
North Bay—subsequently to CFB	CFB Edmonton
Toronto ..	CPL Coultas DM, RCASC to
Capt DIT Roe, CD to	CFB Edmonton
UNTSO Palestine	CPL Dupe JC to 1 PPCLI
LT JRD Falconer to 1 Staff Winnipeg	CPL Gilchrist RJ to 1 PPCLI
CAPT GJK Reynolds to 1 PPCLI	Subsequently released
LT WN McKerracher, CD to	CPL Glasspool WR, CD to 1 PPCLI
1 Staff Edmonton	CPL Green WJA, CD to 1 PPCLI
MWO Holligan B, GM, CD to	CPL Hartman KJF, RCASC to
Pacific Region HQ Nanaimo	CFB Edmonton
MWO White LA, CD, TOS on	CPL Holm MP, CD to 1 PPCLI
1 May 68—SOS to 2 CDO 1 Jul 68	CPL Huard FJ to 1 PPCLI
WO Grant RE, CD, PTS to	CPL Hokan WR, CD to 1 PPCLI
CFB Edmonton	Subsequently released
SGT Atchison NG to 1 PPCLI	CPL Kopp WDT to CFB Cornwallis
SGT Cotten VE, CD, RCASC to	CPL Lawson CW, PTS to
CFB Soest	CFS ALSASK
SGT Dumas RJ, CD, PTS to	CPL Leveque RW, CD to 1 PPCLI
CFS Gypsumville	CPL Lewis JN, CD to 2 CDO
SGT Holland DW, RCASC to	CPL Lowry RE to CFB Borden
CFB Edmonton	CPL McLean NR, CD to 1 PPCLI
SGT Miller WJ, CD to 1 PPCLI	CPL Pearson RJ to 2 PPCLI
SGT Niel GBC to 1 PPCLI	CPL Prouty HJ, CD to
SGT Pelletier JVJ to CFPSU Winnipeg	CFB Edmonton
SGT Purcell AE released 27 Jun 68	CPL Webb JR to 1 PPCLI
SGT Steadman RD to 1 PPCLI	CPL White LJ to 1 PPCLI

During 1968 the following personnel were awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration.

SGT Summersgill RH, CD

SGT Miller WJ, CD

While the Depot was in its dying throes the rear party of First Battalion, commanded by Major FL Berry, moved to Calgary on the 15th of August. The administrative aspects of the move of dependents then became the responsibility of the Depot. Although the work load was increased for the small remaining staff the assistance given by Major Berry was excellent. Lt P Jarvis, and subsequently, MWO Lekivetz RM, did trojan work to move those dependents fortunate enough to be allotted PMQ's or acquire civilian accommodation in Calgary. To realize the amount of work entailed and the problems incumbent on such a move the reader must remember that the head of each household was in Cyprus.

There were a few people left to be posted.

The Commanding Officer, Major WHJ Stutt, CD was posted, on the 31st of October, to CFB Edmonton. He has left behind, on many people, both serving and retired, a never to be forgotten impression. Speaking for the Depot staff,

during his period of command 21st March, 1966, to the 31st of October, 1968, this writer is confident we could have had no finer Commanding Officer. His name was synonymous with the Regiment and the Association. Major Stutt fostered and nurtured the Association to a level never before achieved. With his leaving the Regiment lost what some of us fondly referred to as, "Mr. Patricia". On the 22nd of November the final page on an illustrious career was written. After 32 and one half years service, as a Patricia, Major WHJ Stutt was retired. It is but a cliché to say we wish him luck. Perhaps he realizes the extent of our appreciation for what he has done for so many of us.

It remains to mention now the departure of the Adjutant and Regimental Sergeant Major. CWO RJ King, CD was posted on the 25th of October to the Infantry Battalion Training Headquarters, Edmonton.

Lt VD Cole, MM, CD was taken on strength 1 PPCLI on the 31st of October. The move was primarily a paper one. He proceeded to Calgary with all the previous Regimental Affairs that were handled by the Regimental Depot and took up the duties of Regimental Adjutant.

Thus the Regimental Depot faded from the scene but not from memory.

It is far too easy to dwell on the personnel who finally packed the Depot into obscurity. As so often happens those who went before are forgotten.

The first Commanding Officer, 15 June, 1953 to the 30 June, 1958, Major HG Munro, CD, is now retired and living in Calgary. He has faithfully maintained his ties with the Regiment through the PPCLI Association. At present he is the National Vice President of the Association. Next followed Major RB Mainprize, CD, 16 September, 1958 to 31 August, 1961, retired and now living in Victoria, BC. He is active in the Victoria Branch of the Association and was its President a couple of years back. Major DOR Kearns, CD, 1 September, 1961 to 8 July, 1963, retired and living in New Westminster, BC. Major GE Henderson, CD, 9 July, 1963 to 20 March, 1966, is now with Eastern Ontario District 1 Staff. The last Commanding Officer has been previously reported. Major Stutt is residing in Edmonton with final retirement plans still in the offing.

The Regimental Sergeant Majors must be mentioned. RSM O Gardner, CD, June 1953 to July 1955, retired as a Captain and is residing in Calgary. He has recently been appointed President of the Calgary Branch of the Association. RSM JC Austin, MC, CD, October 1955 to April 1956, and again September 1961 to August 1965, is at present the Garrison Warrant Officer CFB Halifax. RSM H Haas, CD, April 1956 to September 1961, retired, is living in Calgary and active in the Calgary Branch of the Association. RSM DIT Roe, CD, August 1965 to August 1966, commissioned as a Captain and is at present serving in Palestine. RSM RJ King, CD, August 1967, to October 1968, is now with the Infantry Battalion Training Headquarters in Edmonton.

The Chief Instructors—Majors EM Crieghton, CD; ED McPhail, CD; WHJ Stutt CD; CO Huggard, CD; KJ Arril, CD; KOR Kearns, CD; JGW Mills, MC, CD; DS Robertson, CD. The Adjutants—Captains LA Swick, DE Jones, O Gardner, CD; W Craig, DS Robertson, CD; DM Langley, CD; PA Robison, and Lieutenant VD Cole, MM, CD.

If it can be said that they left a legacy for the future then it is the recruits they have trained, the contribution to the furtherance of the Regimental spirit and traditions and their efforts in enlarging the Regimental Museum.

With the new Regimental increment, attached to the Home Station Battalion, at present the First Battalion, is a Captain, Sergeant and Corporal. It is our sincere desire that we, in some small way, may assist in furthering that legacy which our predecessors have left to our care.

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS, 1968

Badges, Medals

Medals of the late Lieutenant Colonel
CJT Stewart, DSO

Clothing

Canadian Services College Tunic

Cups and Trophies

Silver plate, Boolschot, Belgium from
B Coy Centennial project
("The Patrician", 1967 page 79)

Items of Intrinsic or Sentimental Value

1. Table napkin from a restaurant in London commemorating the Wedding of Lady Patricia Ramsay
2. Harpoon made from a Caribou horn found near O'Reilly Island NWT, estimated to be 1,200 years old
3. Paper clippings and programmes circa 1938 - 1951
4. Athletic Award Pennant, McGill COTC, Camp Niagara 1915
5. Gavel, hand made for the 21st Annual Meeting, PPCLI Association

Library

1. "The Fabulous Princess Pats", article in the Magazine "Man's Conquest"
2. B Coy, 2 PPCLI Centennial Project Journal
3. Vox Pat Volume 1 No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7: Vol 2 No 5; Vol 3 No 1; Vol 4 No 2;
4. Canadian Geographical Journal carrying the article "Search for Franklin" (The "Patrician", 1967 page 57)
5. Punch, 29 Volumes, Jan 1894 - Oct 1938
6. "The Connecting File" 1967
7. Menus, Toronto Branch Association 49th dinner, 4 May 68
8. Menu, Christmas Dinner, 1937 on "SS Orama"
9. Menu, Sgts Annual dinner, Aug 1916
10. Menu, PPCLI Dinner, Aug 1917
11. Menu, 15th Anniversary dinner, Aug 1915
12. Menu, Colonel in Chief's dinner, Feb 1940
13. Programme Colonel in Chief's Inspection, Feb 1940
14. Programme, Victoria Branch, Jan 1968
15. "The Canadian Guardsman" 1967
16. PPCLI Regimental History 1914-19 Second Edition
17. Programme 21st Annual Association Meeting, 14 Sep 68

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18. Volume I and II PPCLI Regimental History
19. Volume I and II PPCLI Regimental History
20. Volume I and II PPCLI Regimental History

Military Equipment

Shell dressing, circa 1915

Miscellaneous Items

2PPCLI Aircraft panel, circa 1952

Papers, Documents and Pictures

1. Article "Mirth and Mud", PPCLI
Comedy Company

Editor's Note: Mr Norman Clark, Mr RG Barclay and Mr J McLaren donated many pictures and articles, too numerous to mention, that facilitated the creation of a scrap book on the "PPCLI Comedy Company". We will be forever indebted to their generosity that made this album possible.

2. Map of 2 PPCLI Centennial Project
3. Clippings from Belgium newspapers referring to 2 PPCLI Centennial Project
4. "The Beaver" on PPCLI 53rd Birthday
5. Vancouver Branch Annual Dinner Menu
6. "The Beaver" article "Patricias Remember Kapyong"
7. Copy of Biographical Sketch on Brig A Hamilton Gault in his hand writing
8. "Illustrated London News" March 1919
9. McGill COTC, Camp Niagara, Daily Orders, 1915
10. Framed message "Cessation of Hostilities" WW I
11. Photo, Officers & NCO's, Ottawa, 1914
12. Photo, Pipe Band, Ottawa, 1914
13. Photo and Obituary, RSM Marsden
14. Photo, Edmonton Branch Centennial presentation to Home Station Sgt's Mess
15. Photo, Officers & NCO's Ottawa, 1914
16. Photo, Field Marshall Montgomery's investiture of Major RC Coleman, MC, Lt R Carey, MC, Cpl RC Middleton, MM, Pte W Reilly, MM
17. Photo, L Cpl Pederson, Mar 1917
18. Album, 1 PPCLI Jubilee
19. Cartoon, Wet Canteen
20. Photo, Royal visit, 1939
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22. 28 Photos, 2 PPCLI Centennial Project
23. Photo, Mother of Jenny McG Morris
24. Various photos of originals
25. Photo, Originals leaving Lansdown Park
26. Photo, RSM J Anderson

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27. Album/Scrapbook WW I and stay in China
28. Photos, Founder, LCol AG Pearson
29. Photo, the Founder, circa 1903
30. Photo, Mrs AH Gault
31. Printers cut, Ric-a-dam-doo
32. Pictorial Map, Sanctuary Wood
33. Picture, Lady Patricia Scroll, death of LCol
CJT Stewart, coloured sketch LCol CJT Stewart
34. Photo, Mons, 1914
35. Life membership scroll and picture,
St Georges Memorial Church

Records of Personnel

1. WW I Diary, Pte A Knight
2. Record of Service, RJ Blatchford, RCR

Weapons

Miniature Duelling Pistols, circa 1854-71

Mr George C Carvell
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First Battalion

1968 IN SUMMARY

The beginning of the year 1968 found the battalion preparing for UN peacekeeping duties in Cyprus. From January until April sub-units were trained in internal security operations, outpost living and routine, and all personnel were given historical and background information about Cyprus including the current situation on the island. "Operation Co-operation" was held during January in which a group of officers and men from 2 QOR of C briefed battalion members on their experiences while serving in Cyprus. Information was also passed on to the wives in order to provide them with general background information and an understanding of the role of the unit as part of UNFICYP (United Nations Force in Cyprus).

During January and February HQ 1 CIBG ran a series of competitions to test the skills of selected sub-units from within the brigade. 1 PPCLI teams placed first in the pioneer and 84 mm anti-tank competitions; second in the signals, patrolling, and 106 mm anti-tank competitions; and third in the winter tent group competition. Participants in the patrol competition were more than slightly chagrined when after having trained in the snow for two months at temperatures as low as -30° F they were subjected during the competition to a "chinook" wind that caused the temperature to soar to 70° F in the exercise area.

The advance party departed for Cyprus on March 30th with the main body following during the period 9th to 15th April. Included in the battalion organization was X Bty 3 RCHA and eight personnel from 3 Fd Sqn sent to



Kyrenia Harbour



Cpl CS Toje on Observation Post Duty

reinforce the pioneer platoon with skilled carpenters, electricians, and plumbers. The inclusion of X Bty as part of the unit resulted in a happy affiliation that worked to the great satisfaction of all, but it necessitated the battalion having to leave a rather large rear party in Edmonton. Three officers and 157 men remained behind, including C Coy complete.

The contrast between Edmonton and Cyprus in the month of April was rather marked, to say the least, as personnel disembarked at Nicosia Airport in temperatures ranging from 70 to 80° F. As each sub-unit arrived it was transported to its area of responsibility where it then relieved its opposite numbers in the outgoing battalion, 1 RHC. After an initial settling-in period an excellent leave programme was organized and various tours and sightseeing trips were arranged through the Welfare Officer.

The unit area of responsibility, Kyrenia District, was, from a military point of view, one of the more interesting of the UN districts in Cyprus due to the presence within it of the largest Turkish enclave on the island and the rather close proximity of Greek Cypriot National Guard and Turkish Cypriot Fighter FDLs. In the areas of close confrontation the rifle companies, including the "rifle battery", were assigned specific areas of responsibility and within these the companies were responsible for the operation of a number of OPs. The Recce Platoon along with B Sqn FGH covered the remainder of the district with vehicle mounted patrols, the Recce Platoon alone averaging some 630 miles of patrolling weekly. Bn HQ was located with one of the companies a short distance from the town of Kyrenia overlooking the Mediterranean in the north-western portion of the island. Support Company was located approximately 20 kilometers away from Bn HQ at Camp Maple Leaf just outside Nicosia. Support Company found itself integrated into CCASG (Canadian Contingent Administrative Support Group) and carried out its normal functions of provision of transport, maintenance, repairs, etc., within that organization.

The stay in Cyprus was a pleasant and rewarding experience. During the battalion's tour there were no major disturbances and though Kyrenia District was potentially one of the more explosive areas on the island it remained relatively calm and peaceful during the unit's tenure. This was due in no small part to the alertness, steadiness and plain common sense shown by all ranks in dealing with situations which could have become unpleasant if allowed to develop in the rather tense atmosphere that still existed between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

During the final months in Cyprus a decision was made to reduce the Canadian Contingent by approximately one third and this resulted in considerable reorganization, regrouping, and general hard work in order to adopt a new operational posture by the time the relieving battalion, 3R22eR, arrived. To the great credit of all ranks this was done quickly and efficiently so that the "Van Doos" were able to take over in a new situation for which administrative procedures, drills, and routines had largely been developed.

The return to Canada also proceeded with a minimum of problems with personnel taking leave at various points en route to Calgary and Edmonton. The last aircraft arrived on October 15th after a 24 hour delay in departure from Nicosia and a 32 hour flight home. While in Cyprus word had been received that the unit was to be relocated at Currie Barracks in Calgary and the move from the Hamilton Gault Barracks had in fact been carried out by the rear party during the month of August. Thus, on returning from leave many of the younger soldiers entered the gates of Currie Barracks for the first time. For many of the older soldiers, however, it was a return to an old and fondly remembered stamping ground.

On arrival in Canada a large number of personnel were immediately posted to the then forming Canadian Airborne Regiment and others vanished as reinforcements to the Second Battalion in Germany. These losses in personnel were largely offset, however, by the acquisition of a number of officers and men from 2 QOR of C who had remained in Calgary after disbandment of their battalion. The large changeover in personnel combined with the adjustments required in occupying new barracks caused a number of administrative problems which were compounded by having to convert to the new Infantry Battalion Establishment 5/5 and at the same time be ready to commence winter training in January. Planning to meet these requirements went on while the battalion was on leave and as personnel returned to duty they were assigned an establishment position within the new organization along with new living, stores, and training accommodation.

In December a winter training cadre was formed and tasked with training all personnel of the battalion in the basics of winter warfare. A number of years had passed since the unit had done winter training and at first it seemed that it might be difficult to find the number of "old Arctic hands" required for the cadre. Eventually, however, a nucleus of these stalwarts were located and organization commenced.

All ranks drew their winter kit during December and departed for Xmas and New Years leave firm in the knowledge that on their return an extended period of "frolicking in the snow" awaited them. HQ 1 Combat Group had announced that they intended to forego the usual summer concentration and sub-



First Battalion Reconnaissance Platoon and friend at Reece P1 HQ, Sami House



Sgt PCJ Couronne, CD, receiving a joyous welcome home.

stitute in its stead a four to five week winter concentration under canvas at Camp Wainwright commencing in the latter part of January.

In summation, 1968 could be described as a full and rewarding year which once again demonstrated the old adage concerning the versatility and adaptability of the average infantryman and one in which the key word just had to be "flexibility".



Cpl GR Coldwell discussing the carob harvest with two of the locals

LIFE IN THE OUTPOSTS

Each rifle company in Cyprus was responsible for manning a number of OPs whose principle tasks were to maintain surveillance, report on any unusual occurrences, and ensure that the terms of the truce were not being violated. Each OP was manned by a corporal and five men and a normal tour was thirty days, although section commanders remained affiliated with a specific OP until company areas of responsibility changed. To a large extent the remainder of the battalion was organized to support the operation of the OPs and it was these locations that will remain fixed in the minds of many as being Cyprus. The following two reports were written by OP commanders and give something of the flavour of what UN peacekeeping duties were like for the average soldier. If a note of monotony, boredom and routine runs throughout the reports it is because that is the way things generally were. Naturally, there were also some tense moments as the author of one of the reports, Cpl Komadina, could have mentioned when, for example, on one occasion he was called upon to face down members of the Greek National Guard who were intent on ventilating the person of a Turkish Cypriot Fighter who had strayed forward of his own position.



LCol AM Potts, CD, Commanding Officer, First Battalion and MGen AC Hull, DFC, CD, Commander Air Transport Command, being briefed by Sgt RP Blowers, X Battery, 3 RCHA

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OUTPOST COMMANDER AT MARTIN'S MOUND OP

by MCPL V. I. Komadina

On May 21st, 1964, the Turkish Cypriot Fighters set up a listening post half way between the opposing FDLs and the situation became aggravating to the Greek National Guard. The UN stepped in and negotiated with both sides to set up an OP in the area. In June, 1964 Martin's Mound OP, named after the first commanding corporal of the OP, was established. It was one of six OP's belonging to the Oneisha Farm Company.

In April, 1968, I arrived to take over the OP from Cpl Ryan of the Black Watch and it became my home for the next three months.

Martin's Mound is situated on a small knoll, half-way between the opposing FDL's which are approximately 400 meters apart. The surrounding terrain is bare of green growth, rocky, and very rough, aptly nicknamed "Moon Country". The OP itself consisted of living quarters for the six OP members — myself, my 21C Cpl G. Smith, and four men; the kitchen, where we all tried our hand at the culinary art; an observation post occupied by one man during the day and two by night; and finally, a shower building.

"A day in the life on Martin's Mound" could be termed relatively routine and hot — very hot! We were up every morning by 0600 hrs and began making

ready for the day ahead. After breakfast, at about 0700 hrs, either Cpl Smith or myself accompanied by another man would go out on a one hour patrol to check for any possible build-up by either side along the FDLs. After a much needed shower, we would then await the supply sergeant bringing in our daily supplies of food, fresh water, and case upon case of soft drinks.

The remainder of the morning was spent doing odd jobs and clean-ups that had to be done before the afternoon when it was too hot to work. The temperature usually reached 110° F (in the shade) by early afternoon and cooled little until evening. Even during the night the air remained warm and stifling. The only relief afforded was by very infrequent and short flash storms.

After lunch the afternoon was spent resting or occasionally going on swim parades to Kyrenia, unless we were called upon to escort island shepherds or farmers from one point to another to guard against possible real or imaginary attacks by one faction or the other.

The balance of our time was spent whitewashing rocks to improve the overall appearance of the OP or preparing for frequent VIP visits from the different contingents on the island — Finnish, Swedish, British, Irish, Danish, and a variety of Canadian personnel.

Evenings were spent reading, playing cards, writing letters home or sometimes going to the company base camp to take in a movie.



BGen EM Leslie, DSO, CD, Canadian Contingent Commander, inspecting personnel of an observation post.



Pte DR Barnes on Observation Post Sentry duty

Such was the day-to-day existence on Martin's Mound in the barren and desolate "Moon Country" of Cyprus and it was with little regret that we left it in early July to move on to Trail's End OP high up in the cool, lush, green terrain of the Kyrenia Mountains.

A DAY AT HANLEY'S HILL OP

By MCPL G. Best

"August 28th, 0630 hrs. It is 85° F and its going to be a scorcher again. The sentry says that all is quiet so I will eat breakfast. Our present cook only likes spaghetti with tabasco sauce so that is what we all have. After breakfast everyone except the sentry gets at clean-up both inside and outside of our quarters.

It's almost 0930 hrs and here comes the coffee detail from Camp Maple Leaf. This is our chance to get caught up on all the latest gossip. There is a long range patrol jeep approaching too. I guess they have smelled the coffee. The lieutenant with the patrol says he would like to come on patrol with me and asked how far it is. 'Twenty-five miles by foot sir'. He changed his mind.

The temperature by now has reached the 100° mark.

Coffee break is over and now to clean up the mess we and the visitors have left. No one wants to wash cups after they have their coffee.

The sentry reports two Greek soldiers moving towards the Turkish positions. I will have to take a patrol out to investigate or turn them back. The Greeks cannot understand English so after making all kinds of handsignals they finally turn back to their own bunkers. It sure is hot out here! I will have to phone the Operations Officer to make my report when I return. A tepid shower from our converted gasoline drum would be nice too.

Lunch time and spaghetti with tabasco sauce again! I will just have to get a different cook.

The supply run will be here at about 1500 hrs so the main topic of conversation right now is 'hope there will be some mail for me'. It will be nice to get my daily letter from home, gives me something else to think about.

Weber, our pet dog, is barking so I guess that's Henry with the supplies and mail. 'Hello Newfie, where's the coffee pot?' He'll take our ration order for tomorrow and any out-going mail back with him.

Roger is going to cook a beef roast for supper. Funny how it's always so black when we get it!

The men are playing darts but I have to concentrate on a new approach for defeating our nightly visitors — rats. There are hundreds of them! Rich will have to set the traps. We catch about four to six each night. I have not had a good nights sleep since I left Hilltop OP. We keep the lights burning all night to discourage the rats and also so we can keep our aim with the Puppy Pounders".*

The refrigerator has broken down again. Seems as though they break down as soon as I move into a new OP.

Base Camp has phoned requesting that I send two men into Camp tomorrow to go to Famagusta for the sports competition. Now I will have to change the duty roster or do double shifts.

2000 hrs. The temperature is going down but it is still hot.



MCpl G Best, CD, in "muft"

I can hear the sheep herders playing their flutes and laughing as they move their herds in for the night.

It is not yet dark, just 'darkish' as we Newfies say.

My turn to relieve the sentry and read the log book for today. Nothing too exciting has happened for today so I will turn-in after my shift and listen to the 'waltz of the rats'".

*Editor's Note: "*Puppy pounders*" were heavy sticks or staves carried by many of the soldiers to beat off semi-wild dogs found in profuse numbers all over Cyprus.



Cpl O'McBurro on foraging detail

CPL CHARLIE O'McBURRO — A EULOGY

It was with a great sense of honour and pride that on arrival in Cyprus the battalion was permitted to take on strength a local Cypriot who had served with distinction with two preceding contingents. He was initially recruited by Major W. R. Westfall, 2 QOR of C, who nicknamed him "Charlie Burro" since his Turkish name was too difficult for the average English speaking soldier to pronounce. Due to his distinguished record with 2 QOR of C he had been retained by 1 RHC and was subsequently promoted by that unit to the rank of honorary LCPL with his surname altered to the more Gaelic sounding "McBurro". On the recommendation of 1 RHC, he was promoted to the rank of honorary CPL when taken on strength 1 PPCLI and his surname was again changed, this time to "O'McBurro".

O'McBurro served with B Coy throughout the battalion's tour and stayed on with 3R22eR after the departure of 1 PPCLI. On initially being introduced to the OC B Coy, Major R. G. Wilkes, O'McBurro astonished those present by

attempting to bite his new company commander. Members of the outgoing battalion were quick, however, to defend O'McBurro's rather eccentric behaviour pointing out that although he did possess some rather unconventional characteristics these were more than compensated for by other sterling qualities. Both assertions proved to be true.

To those, such as Pte Whitford, who took the trouble to know him well, O'McBurro proved a loyal and true friend who could be relied upon to add to the merriment of any social gathering. He was often to be found in the vicinity of the canteen entertaining his friends with conjuring tricks such as causing countless numbers of cigarettes and cans of beer to vanish completely. He also caused endless amusement in his solicitations for sympathy about the problems surrounding his love life and his reasons for so frequently being AWOL.

It was with a great sense of loss that the unit bade farewell to this Cypriot friend and comrade and we take this opportunity now to salute you Cpl Charlie O'McBurro . . . or could it just possible now be "Sgt Charles O'McBurreault".

VISIT BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT 19-26 AUGUST, 1968

In August the battalion was honoured by a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, accompanied by Major W. H. J. Stutt, CD, Commanding Officer of the PPCLI Depot. The party arrived at Nicosia Airport on August 19th after the usual exhausting trip aboard the weekly Yukon flight and from that moment until they left one week later they were constantly on the move.

During his stay General Ware visited all base camps, OPs, and Camp Maple Leaf, seeing most of the members of the battalion at their places of duty. As usual he was untiring in his efforts to see as much and as many members of the regiment as he could during his short stay.



Major General CB Ware, DSO, CD, Colonel of the Regiment and Major WHJ Stutt, CD, Commanding Officer, PPCLI Regimental Depot during their visit to the First Battalion 19 to 26 August, 1968

On August 22nd the Sr NCOs hosted a reception for the visitors at the Sergeants' Mess, Coeur de Lion Hotel, Kyrenia. This was followed on August 24th by a dinner at the Kyrenia Officers' Mess at which Major Stutt was dined out after 32½ years service with the regiment. It was fitting on this occasion that both the Colonel of the Regiment and Major Stutt's son, Lt W. J. H. Stutt, were present.

The battalion was sorry when General Ware had to depart on August 26th but all ranks had been heartened by the opportunity to once again greet and visit with their Colonel of the Regiment.

CANADIANS SAVE FAMILY FROM DROWNING

The following is an extract from a July edition of "The Blue Beret", the official UNFICYP newspaper.

"Three Canadian soldiers courageously risked their lives to save a Turkish Cypriot family from certain death in the Mediterranean sea this week.

The soldiers are Lieutenant Jay Lapeyre of Kamloops, B.C., Corporal Donald Gross and Corporal Patrick Andrews both of Edmonton, Alberta. All are members of the Canadian contingent serving in the UN in Cyprus.

The Canadians were on the beaches near Kyrenia watching six foot breakers thunder into the shore when they saw a young girl attempting to reach the beach.



Pictured above are Mr Ogur Veli of Nicosia and his two daughters, Ayshe, age 12 (left) and Ayfer, age 10 (centre) and the three soldiers who fought six foot breakers and a severe under-tow to rescue them from drowning in the Mediterranean. On the left is Corporal Andrews, in the centre is Corporal Gross, and standing in the rear is Lieutenant Lapeyre who saved a Turkish participant in the rescue from drowning. Mr Veli, the happy father is on the right.



Sgt KR Villiger, CD, and Cpl JS Wark being presented the "US Naval Facility and American Embassy, Nicosia, 1968 Softball Championship Trophy" by CPO M Brown, US Navy

The girl, Ayfer Veli, aged 10, was having extreme difficulty against a treacherous under-tow. Without hesitation the two corporals plunged into the sea and pulled her out. It was then pointed out to them that the girl's older sister Ayshe, aged 12, and her father Ogur Veli were still in the water.

Dashing into the sea again Corporals Gross and Andrews reached the couple. Mr. Veli passed his daughter to Cpl Andrews and was then taken in tow by Cpl Gross.

The rescuers struggled against the waves and under-tow and succeeded in reaching shore with Mr. Veli and his daughters.

Simultaneously another Turkish Cypriot who swam to assist the Veli family found himself being carried out to sea and unable to escape the eddy formed by rock formations.

Lieutenant Lapeyre spotted him and after a severe struggle reached the drowning man. Unable to return to shore, Lapeyre pulled the man to the rocks 200 yards away, from where after a short rest, he was able to bring the man to the beach."

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, KYRENIA

Following the precedent of previous Canadian contingents in Cyprus 1 PPCLI lent active support to the Kyrenia Red Cross Home for Crippled Children. Both Turkish and Greek Cypriot children are treated at this hospital but funding has been a major problem since the hospital's inception.



RSM (CWO) FS Dodd, CD and Cpl JMW Schulz presenting a cash donation from the members of Headquarters Company to some of the staff and patients of the Kyrenia Red Cross Home for Crippled Children

The battalion contributed a number of cash donations to the hospital each of which was matched by the government of the Republic of Cyprus. In addition, many soldiers and most noticeably the RSM, CWO F. S. Dodd, CD, gave unsparingly of their time and energy to provide Saturday afternoon movies (Westerns the favourite), refreshments, swimming lessons, and a number of other services to improve living conditions for the tiny patients and to assist the limited hospital staff.

1 PPCLI REAR PARTY

During the absence of the unit in Cyprus the rear party soldiered on and continued to "show the flag", Internal security training was carried out at the Hamilton Gault Barracks during April and May culminating in one week of field training at Lovettville, Alta. During June and July Major F. L. Berry, OC Rear Party, organized four adventure training exercises on the Athabasca River between Hinton and Whitecourt. Each exercise, based on an eight man group, consisted of a 135 mile canoe trip and a 14 mile overland reconnaissance patrol of a pre-selected objective, all of which had to be completed within five days.

The rear party fielded a rifle team under Sgt E. Zwolak which participated in the Mobile Command and CFRSAC competitions. The team placed first in the Mobile Command competition held in Wainwright during May 25th to 31st and third in the CFRSAC held at the Connaught Ranges, Ottawa during August 12th to 27th.

Much of the rear party's time and energy was directed towards the move of the Home Station from Edmonton to Calgary. The move was carried out under the supervision of Capt D. M. Carpenter and WO A. Erfurt during the summer months and was completed during mid-August. The majority of personnel then transferred to Calgary, leaving a small administrative group in Edmonton to complete unfinished details and to supervise the move of dependants to Calgary.

From the new home in Currie Barracks 90 personnel from C Coy moved to Hinton, Alta to take part in "Exercise Ledger" during August 30th to September 12th. This was a counter-insurgency exercise which was planned, organized and administered solely by the rear party and included sixty personnel from G Sqn 22 SAS (UK) who acted as the enemy force. Upon conclusion of the exercise personnel from C Coy accompanied the visiting British servicemen on a guided tour of the Banff-Jasper area.

HQ 1 Combat Group conducted "Exercise Vacuum" at Suffield, Alta during the period September 16th to October 5th. The rear party provided approximately 90 personnel to act in support of the exercise in general duties employments and as fatiguemen. Most of the time remaining before the return of the battalion was spent on reception arrangements, taking over new equipment, accommodation, etc., and settling-in dependants. In spite of the best efforts of MCPL J. E. Nickle and his housing office, who attempted to find suitable housing for dependants in the Calgary area it is regretted that, even at this time of writing, housing remains a critical problem and some families still remain in Edmonton waiting the opportunity to move to Calgary.

PROMOTIONS

The following personnel were promoted during the year 1968:

To Captain

Lt Beggs RC

Lt Cole VD

To MWO

WO Tuttle LA

To SGT

LSGT Barker SR

To CPL

Pte Baker RJ

Pte Bezjak I

Pte Chisholm HO

Pte Clyde GJ

Pte Connolly ER

Pte Douglas RP

Pte Dupe JC

Pte Grav TF

Pte Hodder CG

Pte McCrate JT

Pte Mullen WR

Pte Nimmo JR

Pte Pennell FC

Pte Schapansky P

Pte Shvbunka W

Pte Stephenson DG

Pte Wheeler EM

Pte Winchester SH

Pte Kumick DR

Pte Brown MC

Pte Ogden BC

Pte Wilson SJ

Pte Barry WH

Pte Carsh RW

Pte Clifford RF

Pte Coldwell GR

Pte Darling NG

Pte Doyle ML

Pte Fiddler WC

Pte Highway E

Pte Mathewson LD

Pte McQuarrie WC

Pte Mulligan WJ

Pte Noble WA

Pte Sato KI

Pte Scott TF

Pte Soltys WW

Pte Thomas E

Pte Yallop JA

Pte Brown MA

Pte McCulley RH

Pte Hasselman W

Pte Tellier JP

ADVENTURE TRAINING ON THE ATHABASCA RIVER

For the soldier who joins the Armed Forces seeking adventure and excitement the daily routine of Garrison life can easily become demoralizing. To combat this, the First Battalion has formed an adventure training club with the purpose of providing stimulating and challenging training for the individual soldier. Under the auspices of this club, Rear Party 1 PPCLI conducted a series of small scale exercises during the summer of 1968 on the Athabasca River between Hinton and Whitecourt. These trips proved to be both interesting and beneficial to the soldier who participated in them. As well as providing the soldiers with a relaxing change of pace from Garrison duty, it enabled them to gain valuable new skills and practical experience in the arts of bushcraft and watermanship. The enthusiastic reception this training has received has given birth to plans for similar adventure training exercises on a wider scale; but that is in the future. Reprinted below, for your interest and reading enjoyment, is a narrative written by Lt PS Jarvis describing River Patrol #3.

On Tuesday the 2nd of July, 1968, the third group of paddlers shoved off from the bank of the Athabasca River, at Hinton, Alberta, to begin a five day one hundred and forty mile trip down the turbulent river to Whitecourt. This trip as was the case with the two preceding ones, was part of the Adventure Training Program of 1 PPCLI Rear Party for the summer of 1968. The benefits of these trips are innumerable. They are valuable from the point of physical fitness and endurance, as exercises in map using and navigation, in providing opportunities in leadership experience for patrol commanders, as an opportunity for the Junior Leader to gain an insight into the character of his men during the relaxed atmosphere which prevails, and of course they allow all concerned to leave regular duties behind and head for an enjoyable outing in the bush.

The administrative arrangements necessary for a trip of this nature are essentially simple. One of the basic premises behind adventure training is that it is done with the minimum equipment possible while observing all safety precautions. Since this was the third patrol to do the exercise we had the immense benefit of being able to profit by the advice and experience of those who had preceded us. This foreknowledge proved very helpful indeed, especially in our selection of stores. Even so, we were to discover later that we had made the common mistake of carrying more equipment than necessary.

All administrative preparations having been completed, the eight members of our party met in the Men's Kitchen, Hamilton Gault Barracks at 0530 hrs the 2nd of July for breakfast. We ate a hearty meal—stacks of hotcakes and rashers of bacon disappeared like magic. Everyone was no doubt thinking that this might well be the last good meal for several days to come. At 0550 hrs transport, consisting of one staff car, one $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck, and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck specially fitted with racks to carry our two 16' and one 14' canoes, arrived. The $\frac{3}{4}$ ton had been previously loaded with the majority of our stores. With the final loading of fresh rations and box lunches, we were ready to depart. At 0600 hrs we were on the road.

The party reached Hinton at 1030 hrs and the canoes were immediately offloaded, stores divided into proportionate loads, enveloped in waterproof polyethylene bags and secured firmly in the canoes. At 1100 hrs, having devoured the box lunches provided, the party boarded the canoes and pushed off.

The Athabasca is a muddy, turbulent river whose swift current averages between 6-8 mph and in some stretches reaches speeds of up to 12 mph. The river's width varies between 50-200 yards. There are few truly treacherous stretches in the river, but the fast flowing current creates waves and swells of up to three feet and higher. Depth is rather deceptive because of the colour of the water. However, with practice one can soon learn to "read" the current, the waves and the river bank, and so choose a course with sufficient water for the canoes.

Prior to our departure for Hinton, the party had conducted a two hour practice run on the North Saskatchewan river. This run was sufficient to give each man a rudimentary knowledge of canoe handling.

The river stretch between Hinton and Oldman Creek has few tricky spots, and our first day's paddling was rather uneventful. On this first day on the river we established a general routine which was followed for the remainder of the trip. We would travel approximately two hours, locate a fresh stream with water suitable for drinking and pull in for a rest. Paddling was relatively easy work due to the strong current but nonetheless, on this day, as on each of the four days to follow, the sun shone down relentlessly and with the 80 degrees temperature everyone was certainly ready for a good break after two hours of continuous paddling.

Throughout the trip everyone had been advised to watch for any wild game, forest fires, or even wisps of smoke. We were also told to observe any oil or gas slicks on the river which could be the result of breakage in pipelines. We were also asked to keep a lookout for any civilians. All of these were to be reported to the Lands and Forests office at Whitecourt. Although we saw a great many moose, deer and bear tracks, only four deer were actually sighted on the river. No oil slicks or civilians were seen.

We arrived at Oldman Creek at roughly 1700 hrs, unloaded the canoes, pulled them well up on the shore, overturned them, and began setting up the campsite we were to use for the next two nights. Since we were using polyethylene shelter halves it took very little time to set up our hoochies. Soon we were relaxing over pork chops and mashed potatoes, together with the first cups of the many

gallons of coffee and tea we would consume before the trip was over. Once supper was done and the clean-up completed, final preparations for sleeping were made in the shelters. Everyone then went their own separate ways, either to fish, read their pocket books, or simply sprawl out on a sleeping bag and relax. Our fishermen brought in eight good pan-sized rainbow trout and one large grayling, all of which were greatly appreciated as a supplement to our bacon and eggs the next morning. By 2300 hrs we were all asleep, expecting a long hard day to follow.

After breakfast on Wednesday six of us began an overland hike into Sundance Lake. Cpl's Kreuger and Winchester were left behind to clean up the camp, fish, and to have coffee and supper ready for our return.

Perhaps the most difficult section of the hike was crossing the Athabasca River and climbing the near vertical slope directly across the river from our campsite. In order to cross the river we took the two 16' canoes roughly two hundred yards upstream and then, one at a time, tacked them across to the far side to a point still about 100 yards upstream from where we started. The canoes were pulled ashore well clear of the water. Everyone changed into combat boots, since we had been wearing running shoes to cross the river, not wanting to get our main footwear wet. At this point we all turned to face the 400' vertical climb which loomed above us, shuddered, and set out for the top.

We rested on a small grassy plateau approximately 100 feet short of the top. From here the view was incredibly beautiful. Once we had gained the crest of the hill the going was relatively easy. The party was able to follow clearly defined cut lines for the remainder of the march until we reached a similar vertical descent to Sundance Lake. At the lake six hot, sweaty, dusty soldiers with burning feet immediately stripped and waded out through the weeds into the lake all had been dreaming about for the last three hours. The water was cold, but no one seemed concerned. It was beautiful.



Sundance Lake, Alberta which was reached after a three hour cross country hike from Oldman Creek



This was the first, two nights campsite, of River Patrol No. 3 at Oldman Creek, Alberta

Sundance Lake is shallow, weedy and stagnant and appears to contain no fish. Even our most devoted fisherman, Pte Schmidt, finally gave up after about a half hour and went swimming again.

After eating the sandwiches and tinned fruit we had brought with us, we had our last swim, dressed, and began the long march back. By 1730 hrs we were once again at the Oldman Creek camp, sitting down to a good steak dinner. In our absence Cpl Krueger had caught four large suckers and a good sized trout in the pool where Oldman Creek flows into the Athabasca.

The next morning we packed our gear and set off for the Burland River some forty miles downstream. This river stretch is far more challenging than any other. Thursday proved to be a very enjoyable, and at times, exciting day. The party stopped for its first break at a small unmarked creek after about two hours of paddling. We shoved off again and about an hour later we encountered rough water and a large whirlpool. We misjudged the whirlpool badly and consequently shot directly through the middle of it. Fortunately our timing was good and the centre of the pool was nearly full of water at the time we crossed. As our hearts stopped pounding we looked back over our shoulders in relief and commenced to bail out the large quantities of water we'd picked up. We shipped more water at this point than at any other, although we were forced to bail frequently throughout the trip.

That night we camped at the Burland. There is no adequate campsite at the mouth of the river so we chose an already established area approximately 100 yards upstream. Pte Schmidt produced a wonderful stew and some lousy coffee and, after eating, we relaxed for the remainder of the evening. We had swum at several stops prior to this, but here we had some real fun. Major Wawrychuk decided to try swimming in the Burland and talked me into going with him. He went in at our campsite and swam with the current down to the junction of the Burland and the Athabasca where we had pulled up our canoes. This game caught



Looking across the Athabasca River from the campsite at Oldman Creek. Beyond the cliff is Sundance Lake

on and soon the heads of Major Wawrychuk, Captain MacLean, Cpl Winchester and myself were bobbing down the Burland. We hiked upstream well above our campsite to get a longer ride but found the river too shallow and our knees too susceptible to hard knocks from the rocks. We therefore made this trip only once. The water was surprisingly warm and refreshing.

While we were cavouring in the water the other four members of our patrol tallied a total of four large pike. Since the Burland is too fast to fish, they hiked down the Athabasca to a couple of backwaters which were quite clear in contrast to the regular dirty brown of this river. These cleaner backwaters were created by the clear green water of the Burland which forms a definite stream down the north bank of the Athabasca for some distance. Pte Schmidt tried a small creek on the south shore of the Athabasca and got a few small trout, a score of mosquito bites, and as usual . . . soaked!

Our objective for Friday was Chickadee Creek some forty-five miles downstream from the Burland. This therefore, was our longest day on the river. We left the Burland at 1030 hrs and didn't arrive at Chickadee Creek until 2015 hrs that evening. When we arrived we found the creek itself inaccessible as there was not sufficient water in either the creek or the approach channel to float the canoes. Rather than beach our canoes downstream and carry all our gear back up to the campsite at the mouth of the creek, we chose instead a camp on an island about 400 yards away. Since our day's journey had been a long one, we ate quickly and went to bed early that night, resting for the final morning pull into Whitecourt.

By 0800 hrs Saturday morning we were once again on the river. At 0900 hrs we rounded the last corner and found the Whitecourt Bridge staring us in the face. It seemed to us at that time a beautiful monument, and represented the end of our five days on the river. Transport picked us up at 1030 hrs and two hours later we were back at Griesbach.

Without exception everyone enjoyed the trip. At times we worked hard and equally often we relaxed. Each member of the patrol is now an enthusiastic supporter of the Adventure Training Program. Although we may all, at some time or other, take part in more difficult and more arduous exercises, I do not think that any of us will ever forget this personally rewarding and stimulating trip or the relationships established during it.

Editor's Note: Cpl Barger and Pte Hansen were the remaining members of the Patrol whose names do not appear in the foregoing narrative. Maj Wawrychuk and Capt MacLean of the Canadian Airborne Regiment were members of the patrol in order that they might receive an introduction into adventure training in preparation to pursue the same type of training in the CAR.



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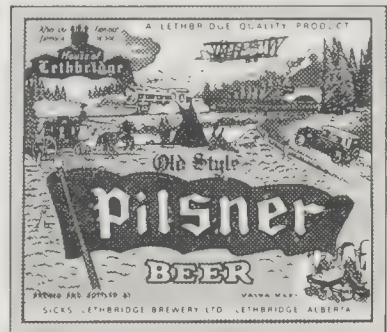
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Second Battalion

The year 1968 was a period of radical change for 2 PPCLI. The changes affected our strength, composition and equipment but not our usual good humor and professionalism.

The New Year was ushered in with a series of Company field training exercises which the rifle companies wrote and directed themselves. These covered all phases of war and proved to be a good shakeout for the Battalion, particularly for Capt Dick Cohen's driver Pte Stanley Dubeck who almost drove his APC over a cliff.

The same time frame saw the unit hosting the 2nd Division and BOAR cross-country championships. The unit did not actually participate in the competition, regardless of Capt Tony Ferguson's harried expression, but provided facilities and rations.

The unification of the Armed Services on the 1st of February brought with it our new salute and drill manual. The RSM's office then became a miniature parade square while "Duke" Stone and QMSI Herb Johnston tried the new movements out. Following closely on the heels of this change was the reduction of the battalion to three rifle companies and a support company. Delta Company lost the draw and was disbanded while Headquarters and Support Company merged. D Company went out in style led by their OC Maj Don Wallace. Stories still circulate about the monumental company smoker with its "exotic" dancers and food.

The "68" hockey season saw the Battalion settle into the Brigade League for its first full season in Europe. The League, this year, included interlocking games with the RCAF Fighter Wings in Southern Germany which resulted in us



From the left Pte Adrian Adams, Pte Dennis Gardner and Pte Don Dee. These three players formed the highest scoring line in the Brigade Hockey League in the 1967/68 season



One of the highlights of each year's celebration of Kapyong Day, 25 Apr, is the reading of the Presidential Unit Citation. This year it was read by WO R Clouthier. The reviewing officer is Major General James W Sutherland, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, HQ US Army, Europe



Mrs A Hamilton Gault, widow of the Founder moves forward to place a wreath on the Frezenberg Memorial, 8th of May, 1968

having a much improved and more experienced team. In Brigade competition, the Partricias finished third after being edged out of a three way race for first place. In the semi-final play-offs they were defeated in two straight games by the Gunners who went on to win the Brigade Championship. Special mention goes to Cpl Garry Elmore and Ptes Don Dee, Dennis Gardner and Adrian Adams who were selected for the Brigade team that played in Holland in a benefit game for the Netherlands Red Cross. Pte Gardner won the Most Valuable Player Award but unfortunately an untimely injury prevented him from winning the scoring championship and he had to settle for the runner-up position.

This was to be the last year in the Brigade for Regimental hockey as we have known it in the past. With the start of the 68/69 season the Brigade adopted a four team garrison league. The Patricias are now playing with their old rivals, the Gunners, for the Hemer Garrison Rebels Hockey Club.

The Regimental Birthday parade was highlighted by D Company's "swan song" as well as floats from the more fortunate sub-units. Col MacPherson, a former Patricia and now Commander of CFB Soest, took the salute and assisted in the judging of the company floats. The annual Broom-i-loo game showed that haircut power does not always triumph as the Officer's Mess "Boys Brigade" defeated the "Chelsea Pensioners" from the Sgts' Mess 2-0. 'A' Company finished the day with the highest total points and now hold the grand aggregate trophy. Rumour has it that WO Doug Preece's kick-a-poo joy juice, as concocted by himself and Cpl Charlie Newman-Jones, was a major factor in this win.

Kapyong Day was celebrated with a parade followed by receptions in the various messes and canteens. Our U.S. guest this year was Maj Gen James W Sutherland, Jr, Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) at Headquarters, US Army Europe.

This year the city of Ypres was the site of the Battalion's commemoration of Frezenburg Day. The unit was represented by a Guard of Honour and the Corps of Drums, commanded by Maj Don Ardelian. Commemorative services were held at the site of the Regimental monument where wreaths were laid by Mrs Gault and Mr A Dehem, Burgermeister of Ypres. In the evening the Guard and the Corps of Drums formed up at the New Cloth Hall and after being inspected by the Burgermeister exercised their right to the "Freedom of the City". From the Cloth Hall the Guard marched through the city square where the Burgermeister, the Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, Mr P Tremblay, and the Commanding Officer took the Salute. The Guard then marched to the Menin Gate where a wreath laying ceremony took place. As a mark of appreciation to the city the battalion held a reception followed by a dance in the Cloth Hall. Before 300 guests Lieutenant Colonel Peacock thanked the Burgermeister and the citizens of Ypres for their hospitality and friendship and presented him with a Regimental plaque on behalf of the Regiment.

The fastball season got underway at Fort Macleod in May when 513th Military Intelligence Group, US Army, was hosted by the Sgt Bud Knight —



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Lt Gen WAB Anderson, OBE, CD, Commander Mobile Command, inspects a unit quarter guard on his arrival at Fort MacLeod. Cpl Frank Legge, closest to the camera



The Basketball team which placed third in the Brigade in 1967/68 season.

Standing L to R, Maj Bob Stewart, Capt Gordon Reay, Cpl Chris Franke, Pte Dave Dougan.
Front L to R, Sgt Chuck White, Pte Bud Burgess, Cpl Al Foord, Cpl Bill Brown. Missing, Lt Pat Dillon, Cpl Jerry Joyal, Pte Wayne White, Pte Bob Avery.

coached Patricias. When the dust had cleared, 2 PPCLI had emerged victorious. This three game exhibition series win was an omen of things to come as we went on to win a total of 34 games finishing runners-up in the Brigade Major Unit League.

During May and June we renewed our acquaintance with Haltern and Sennelager where we polished our skill-at-arms. The concentration at Sennelager was, unfortunately, marred by the death of Lt Gary Gieser in a car accident and the unit returned early to participate in his funeral at Fort Macleod.

The early summer period was marked by the retirements of Maj Don Wallace, Capt Bruce Stock and Lt Tony Quinn all of whom saw greener fields in civilian life. At last report Tony is attempting to enter the Australian Army in what appears to be a constant search to be where the action is.

In late June a carefully selected drill team and an enlarged Corps of Drums, under Drum Major Bill Harris left for London to represent Canada at the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court. An intricate display of foot and arms drill, developed largely by MWO Jim Hood, was climaxed by a feu-de-joie startling many a spectator. Among those who witnessed the performances were H.M. The Queen and Lady Patricia Ramsay. The tour ended with several appearances at the Colchester Tattoo which will be remembered for its rather thick Scottish Mist.

After a July 1st Canada Day Parade a reception was held in the lounge of the Men's Club where "Our Lady in Green", Miss Joan Barter, was presented



The Powerhouse Four Curling team. Winners of all "A" Events in the Brigade. From the left Sgt Ken Reynolds, Sgt Bill Hodge, Sgt Don McLeod, Sgt Bud Knight



The Prix Leclerc Team shown with the Currie Trophy and their 3rd place Leclerc Trophy. Back Row L to R Pte Jaycee Sheppard, Pte Bill Lamb, Pte Mike Brodhagen, Sgt Alf Arnold, Pte John O'Brien, LCol RS Peacock, Pte Eldon Jackson, Pte Rejean Landry, Pte Gary Messilink, Pte Dan Saver, Pte John Bachner, Pte Gerry McCaully. Front Row L to R Pte Tanguy Slater, Pte Louis Morrisette, Pte Jim Robinson, Sgt Jim Rose, Lt Marv Dyck, Sgt Ron Sheppard, Pte George McKay, Cpl Joe Iglencic, Pte Tom Mugford

with a jewelled Patricia broach. Pte Derwin Morrisette, who made the presentation on behalf of the men, was heard to say "Gee Ma'am, now you really do belong to the Patricias."

2 PPCLI also represented Canada on two other occasions during the summer; the Prix Leclerc Competition and the Nijmegen Marches. In the Prix Leclerc, Lt Marv Dyck and his stalwarts finished in a hard fought contest which saw the Belgians place first and the Dutch second. The squad, led by Sgt Ron Sheppard, placed first in the defensive phase of the competition and brought home the Currie Trophy.

"Long legged" Capt Charlie Jurek led our contingent at Nijmegen and could be heard for months after arguing that this march constituted a battle efficiency test. Nice try Charlie!

One of the results of the man-for-man rotation was the appearance of many new faces. Lts Pat Dillon, Emery French and Ray Taylor arrived from 2 QOF along with Sgts Dave O'Brien and Frank Abson. This heralded the beginning of an influx of personnel from the QOR of C, R22eR (represented by Sgt Dave Blakeney) and RHC, all of whom soon settled into their new life as Patricias



Some of the members of the Battalion team entered in the Brigade Patrol Competition. Standing L to R Pte Christian Cote, Pte Harry McDonald, Pte George Reyton, Pte James Garner. Seated L to R Cpl James Fischer, Pte Leonard Ripplegner.



The Brigade Commander's Inspection 26 Nov 68. Brig Gen EA Amy, DSO, OBE inspecting Mortar Platoon

Capt Bruce Paxton and Capt Bill Bewick left us in July for Canada and positions in the Combat Arms School and CFHQ respectively. The single officers mourned their passing in the traditional fashion.

The usual late summer field training break did not result in any lessening of enthusiasm for the outdoor life. After an evening planning session in the Mess Sgts Jerry Blume and Garry Lynch struck out on a 48 mile walk (Keechee Pim-patawin or The Walk of The Forts). The journey began with the participants light of foot and heavy of head but later with their jaunt completed they were found to be light of head and heavy of foot.

The members of Bravo Company, led by Capt Bill MacMillan, formed the nucleus of this year's entry in the Brigade Patrol Competition. The patrol members were ably assisted by Maj Dick Macintosh, MWO John Richardson and Sgts Jim Rose and Bill Pokol who lent a Ranger-type flair to the proceedings. The actual competition can best be remembered for Recce platoons nasty experiences with those helicopters and Sgt Rolf Hartmann's marathon walk around the objective.

Soltau and the Divisional Exercise proved to be a study in contrasts. Soltau, shortened this year to only one week, lived up to its reputation by presenting us with acres and acres of mud and road restrictions that limited our movement. On the other hand, Exercise Keystone was blessed with not a drop of precipitation and moves of up to 50 miles in length. Throughout the whole proceedings Cpl "Boots" MacDonald continually proved that he can get a brew going quicker than anyone else in NATO.



The Canadian War Memorial at Le Quesnel 7 Nov 68. From the left Cpl Ed Major, Pte Ler Reck, Cpl Vital Derrien, Pte Ivan Peters



The ceremony of remembrance held on the 7th of November, 1968 at Le Quesnel. This memorial marks the location where the Canadians took part in the opening phase of the offensive on the 8th of August, 1918. On the left is Brig James Melville, CBE, MC, VD, CD Commander of the group of veterans who travelled from Canada to take part in the ceremonies commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice 11th November, 1918.

Remembrance Day, 11 November, saw the Patricias in Mons where the Regiment saw the final days of World War I exactly 50 years ago. The Corps of Drums and a colour party commanded by Maj Dick Macintosh made many appearances at memorials in and around the historic city.

Back at Fort Macleod preparations for the Brigadier's Inspection were going ahead at full speed. It is a rather imposing sight to see a complete Mechanized Infantry Battalion on the parade square even though Lt Harry Steingart could only muster one of his four carriers.

As the year came to an end Alpha Company marched south to follow in the footsteps of Marlborough and take in the sights of Southern Germany. An article by Capt. Cohen appears elsewhere.

On December 20th, the newly renovated Men's mixed lounge was opened by the commanding Officer with many of the Men's wives attending. Spartan work was done by CPL Bill Gray on this project and it is at the moment one of the most tastefully decorated and comfortable lounges in Camp.

The battalion has had an interesting, although oftentimes, frustrating year. We have had the honour of representing Canada at one international competition and at the Royal Tournament as well as partaking in ceremonies honouring our past. All ranks worked hard and well and although many changes to establishment and working methods caused some problems the aim of our existence in Europe — operational efficiency — was always maintained.



Pte Stan Neilson and Cpl James Harron model the uniform and accoutrements worn by 2 PPCLI Drill Team which performed in the Royal Tournament, 1968.



On Jul 1st, 1968, Canada Day, some of the small fry were treated to rides in an APC. Sgt George Sellyeh, left, assists some of the children de-bus after their ride. The driver is Sgt Jerry Cruise, right

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following for their promotions during 1968:

Major

Major WT Love
Major PA Maione

Captain

Capt RJ Cohen
Capt WJ Bewick
Capt RG Johnson
Capt V Pergat
Capt DB Brodie

Sergeant

Sgt Wittke R
Sgt Stothard SL
Sgt Pokol W

Corporal

Cpl Hoppe PA
Cpl Lewis DJ
Cpl Bezjak I
Cpl Bond R
Cpl Anderson BR
Cpl Auger EC
Cpl Conroy EJ
Cpl Dubeck S
Cpl Gates JH
Cpl Hey GM
Cpl Pruden LE
Cpl Sato KI
Cpl Sutherland M

Cpl Smith JE
Cpl Buchan DE
Cpl Derrien V
Cpl Highway E
Cpl Frank J
Cpl Valiquette JA
Cpl Windley KM
Cpl Brady MD
Cpl Carsh RW
Cpl Clyke GJ
Cpl Flowerday GA
Cpl Leskovich P
Cpl Goodrich LG

Cpl London WC
Cpl Pederson GM
Cpl Pettit MC
Cpl Dean WG
Cpl Longstreet FA
Cpl Mason RG
Cpl Taniwa TH
Cpl Giles JM
Cpl Robertson CA
Cpl Fiddler WC
Cpl Oertel WG
Cpl McDonald HC



The Bn Rugby team made it to the second round in the BAOR Cup during the 1967/68 season. Standing L to R Pte Tom Taylor, Mr. Johnnathen Downs (School Teacher), Capt Dick Cohen, LCol RS Peacock, Pte Rick Foulkes, Pte Bud Burgess, Cpl Don Buchan, Cpl John Gates, Lt Dan MacLean. Kneeling L to R Pte John Miazdyk, Capt Bob Warren, Capt Ken Lidgren, Maj Dick MacIntosh, Capt Charlie Jurke, Maj Bill Hutchinson, MWO John Richardson, Pte Dave Dougan

EXERCISE "DANUBE WALTZ"

It was early evening on the 2nd of July, 1704. Long, straight, redcoated ranks advanced steadily up the hillside under the withering fire of ball and canister. Three times the ravaged attackers were forced to withdraw from the parapet. Finally, however, the Shellenberg fortress was stormed and overrun. At least a third of the fifteen thousand French and Bavarian defenders were killed, wounded, or drowned as they tried to flee across the river. The English cavalry swept down the hill and raced along the river banks hacking and slashing with their sabres at the hapless retreating mob. The Duke of Marlborough's armies had gained a great victory and now held a bridgehead across the Danube. Hostile Bavaria lay open and exposed before them.

Two hundred and sixty four years later, on the evening of the 4th of December 1968, the soldiers of A Company, 2 PPCLI advanced up the same hillside above the ancient town of Donauwörth on the Danube. The Patricias however encountered no opposition, save gravity, as they moved up the hill. They were in fact warmly greeted by the inhabitants of the Shellenberg. The accommodation and comfort of the Bundeswehr barracks, that now occupies the site of the ancient fortress, looked welcome indeed.

A Company had come nearly as far as had Marlborough's armies when they reached Donauwörth and the end of their journey. They had also travelled much of the way by the same method as the English infantry, on foot.

Exercise "Danube Waltz" was an adventure training exercise planned by Major R. I. Stewart, Officer Commanding A Company. It was a ten-day exercise carried out in November and December 1968 in Baden-Wurtemberg in Southern Germany. The idea of "Danube Waltz" was to follow on foot the latter part of the route taken by the Allied Armies in 1704 during Marlborough's famous "March to the Danube".

The Duke of Marlborough as Captain General of the armies of England, Holland, and the Holy Roman Empire, had for several years been involved in indecisive campaigning in Holland against the armies of Louis XIV of France. Far to the south, Vienna was threatened by French armies preparing to cross the Black Forest and link up with their Bavarian allies on the Danube. If Louis was successful in capturing Vienna, the capital of the Holy Roman Empire, he could bring the Emperor to terms and thus dominate all of Europe. This the Allies could not allow to happen.

Despite the fears of the Dutch, and under the pretext of merely moving to attack France from the south, Marlborough took his armies out of Holland. He moved south, up the Rhine, thus beginning one of the brilliant strategic moves in the history of war. The whole world watched, fascinated, waiting for Marlborough and his 40,000 infantry, Cavalry, and gunners to turn North West into France. The Duke confounded friend and foe alike by crossing the Rhine at Mannheim. He then began to march overland in a Southeasterly direction toward the Danube. This completely unexpected change in events caught the French off balance. They were being out-flanked. Eventually they were forced to take the field at Blenheim, on the Danube, where they were decisively defeated by Marlborough. His army smashed, Louis had to fore-go forever his ambition to rule all of Europe. The Battle of Blenheim thus became one of the decisive battles of European history.

We, in A Company, planned to follow as closely as possible Marlborough's route through the hilly Swabian Jura. Our route lay from Gross Heppach, just East of Stuttgart to Donauwörth on the Danube, a distance of about 130 miles. Unlike the armies of 1704 we were not encumbered with heavy guns and baggage. We marched "clean fatigue" carrying only mess tins and water bottles. Like

Marlborough's Armies we too had an efficient administrative staff which greeted us with a hot meal and warm accommodation at the end of the marching day. American and Bundeswehr barracks, town halls, and school gymnasiums thankfully made the tentage we carried with us unnecessary.

Marlborough's tired infantry must have thought only of sleep at the end of a long day's march. The soldiers of A Company were provided with, and took advantage of, all sorts of recreational facilities in this traditionally friendly part of Germany. Visits to points of local interest such as the magnificent Daimler-Benz car museum in Stuttgart were organized. "Coffee and doughnut" parties ("How long do we have to stay, sir?") were laid on by friendly American Service Clubs. Recreation runs to various towns or belly dancers in U.S. NCOs Clubs kept us on the go long into the evening. For those who preferred to remain at home films were shown nightly by the versatile Company projectionist, Cpl Howard.

The historical aspect of the March was not neglected. Both before and during the Exercise we received lectures, films and battlefield tours. Captain Richard Cohen briefed the marchers each day, describing the corresponding progress of Marlborough's Army.

Our start point was the town of Gross Heppach. It was in this village that a famous meeting took place between Marlborough and his two allies, the famous Prince Eugene of Savoy, and Prince Louis of Baden. The Company bivouaced in the meadow where Eugene inspected Marlborough's cavalry squadrons 264 years before.



Major RI Stewart, CD, and Capt RJ Cohen inspect the marchers on the same ground where Prince Eugene inspected Marlborough's troops two and a half centuries earlier

The evening before we set off, a reception was held for the local dignitaries in the Lamm Inn. It was in this same gasthaus that the three allied commanders held their Council of War in 1704. The special A Company punch concocted for the occasion by Warrant Officer Preece, our CQMS, very soon created an atmosphere of warmth and fellowship which we continued to encounter throughout the March. Lieutenant Terrence McCarthy performed the first of many spended violin recitals to the great delight of our hosts. The senior NCOs led by CSM Bob Shine were right in their element. Sergeants "Ham" Liscumb, Howie Smith, George Sellyeh and our MFC, Sergeant Jerry Cruise performed admirably, charming husbands and wives alike; this despite their total inability to communicate in German, (and eventually in English, for that matter!)

On two of the six marching days we marched in platoons as a Company led by Major Stewart and kept in step by CSM Shine. Our minds were taken off our monotony and sore feet by the humourous banter of Pte Barnes from some where in the ranks of 2 platoon. The news that "Santa Claus is dead and the elves have grown up" put us all out of step.

Most of the distance was covered in section-sized groups led by the junior NCOs. These sections vied with each other in "orienteering" schemes along the route. The outstanding section in these competitions was led by Cpl Ellis. Cpl Hale and Bruce also brought in their sections in excellent times and with many points. Some sections were not as successful as others. The cry of "Has Cpl Haddad arrived yet?" echoed across the hills more than once during the March.

Sixty marchers from the Company, including four members of our mortar section under Sergeant Cruise, began the March in Gross Heppach. Most of the original group were still marching as we mounted the Shellenberg feature six days later. Despite the limited amount of march training before the Exercise, only a few soldiers were forced to drop out because of bad feet or strained ligaments. Even then, Cpl Hannush, our MA, got most of them marching again in short order. After several days marching a number of soldiers felt energetic enough to get up a basketball game one evening in the town gymnasium in Altheim-Alb. Craig Neilson, Thornhill, Leroux, Landry and others dashed about the floor keeping pace with Avery, the OC's driver who did his walking to and from the jeep.

A typical day began with reveille at 0600 hrs. We pulled ourselves out of our sleeping bags and tried to shake off the effects of the night before, spent "out on the town" or at the canteen run by Cpl Newman-Jones and Pte Lockhart. Breakfast was served between 0630 hrs and 0715 hrs by Cpl Toone and Pte Martin, our cooks. We then packed our kit and stowed it in the trucks. A roll call was held by the Sergeant Major followed by a briefing by Capt Cohen on the progress of the March and the program for the day. Sections were dispatched at five minute intervals, long enough for each to disappear into the fog before the next started. The first encounter these sections had with each other was normally during a stop for lunch in some gasthaus in one of the many hamlets along the route to the RV.

When the marchers had all left, Sgt Liscumb and his administrative crew finished tidying up our accommodation area and packed the stores in the vehicle in preparation for the move to the next bivouac area.

A hot lunch, brought up by the CQ, awaited us around noon each day generally in a misty field. Warrant Preece and Pte Gilchrist drove hundreds of miles from our administrative base at the U.S. Barracks in Ulm to deliver lunch and supper each day to wherever we happened to be.

The Patricias were warmly received all along the route. In Geingen-ander Brenz, the site of Marlborough's last major camp before his assault on the



Major Stewart leads A Company, 2 PPCLI, across the bridge at Ebermergen which Marlborough crossed several hours before the Shellenberg Battle



Lieutenant Colonel Baron von Reccum points to the area held by the French Battalions around the town of Blenheim at the start of the Battle

Shellenberg, we were welcomed by a reception committee consisting of the Burgermeister and some of his staff. They led us to the town gymnasium over which flew the largest Canadian flag any of us had ever seen. This we later learned had been hurriedly purchased by the town the day before in anticipation of our arrival. Tickets were later distributed to the troops by the Burgermeister entitling them to free beer in any of the many pubs in Geingen.

Upon our arrival in Donauwörth we settled into the local Bundeswehr barracks on the Shellenberg. The Municipality of Donauwörth and the Bundeswehr arranged conducted tours on the Shellenberg and Blenheim battlefields. The Baron von Reccum, one of the foremost experts on the Battle of Blenheim, was kind enough to lecture us on the Battle and conduct us about the battlefield which lies about 20 kilometers from Donauwörth. Along with the Burgermeister of the nearby town of Höchstädt, Major Stewart, aided by Ptes Neilson and Landry, laid a wreath at the memorial to the Battle. The archivist of the town of Donauwörth, Fraulein Dr. Grossmann, led us on a walking tour of this ancient city encircled by a wall and a moat.

A Company smoker in the dining-hall of the Bundeswehr barracks rounded out the trip. The cuisine prepared on this occasion by Cpl Faye excelled even the excellent meals he had sent up with the CQ during the previous week. Songs and skits featuring Cpls Haddad and Windley as a "woman of ill-repute" from Dortmund and her naive Canadian customer, and Pte Forbes and Phillipot as a recruit



Pte Gerbardt, far left, seems more interested in Dr. Grossman than in her old prints which appear to fascinate Sge Sellyeh, Cpl Ellis and others.

and his section commander, highlighted the evening. Warrant Preece's punch, along with several kegs of beer, made Cpl Howard's job as Master of Ceremonies rather difficult at times.

The next morning Cpl Faye fed the Bundeswehr privates a real Canadian breakfast. The young German soldiers probably had difficulty getting back to their rather spartan breakfasts after such a "feast".

"Danube Waltz" wound up the evening before our departure from Donauwörth with a reception held in honour of our hosts throughout the March. Major Stewart presented Patricia plaques to the Burgermeisters and American and German units who had been so kind to us during the exercise.

The return to Fort Macleod left us with many fond recollections of the March. Those that completed it felt that they had accomplished something quite unique and worthwhile. They had enjoyed themselves and had demonstrated that the modern infantryman can still travel long distances on foot if need be. The countryside was new and the inhabitants quite different from those in the north.

It was hoped that an interest in military history was aroused in some members of the Company. Certainly no one could help but respect the accomplishment of the men of Marlborough who toiled along the same route under much more difficult conditions two and a half centuries before.

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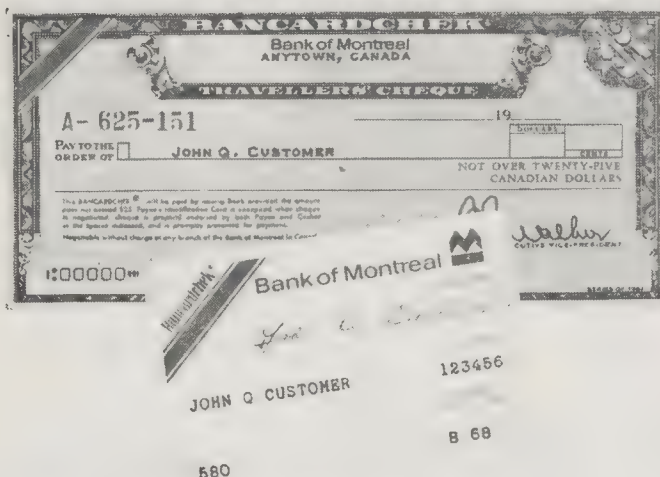
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Regimental Band

The year 1968 has produced some far reaching reorganization in the Military Bands throughout the Canadian Armed Forces. Of prime importance to the Regiment was the amalgamation of the Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) Band with the PPCLI Band.

At the end of the year the Regimental Band numbered 71 all ranks. Certainly large enough to do credit on any occasion.

The reorganization of the bands took place with effect the 1st of October. At that time the confirmation arrived that the band would be lodged in, and administered by, Canadian Forces Base Calgary. This posed many problems, the main one being the move of families to Calgary. At the close of December nine of the original PPCLI Band members were still commuting to and from Edmonton. The remainder were firmly ensconced in lodgings in and around CFB Calgary.

The highlight of the year, prior to reorganization, was a trip by the Regimental Band to take part in a Tattoo during late September at the US Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, California. The hospitality of the Marines appeared to have no limits. Refrigerators in every room; cold beer in copious quantities; fresh fruit; even flowers in the rooms. Our every wish appeared as a command to the Marines.

CWO P Murray supervised a 12 piece "swinging set" to Yellowknife for an Annual Northwest Territories Ball 13 January, 1969. They returned with presentation cuff links, tie clips and miniature muk luks. To see these members of the band in parkas was to mistake them for soldiers, almost.

Perhaps at this juncture it would be advisable to introduce a nominal roll of the band.

The Director of Music is Capt (Navy) P Medcaf and the assistant director is Capt (Army) J Dowell the remainder are as follows:

CWO Evans TS	Sgt Pitstra H	Sgt Aylesbury R
MWO Richardson S	Sgt Scott TD	Sgt Baker M
WO Bryant AP	Sgt Sylvon T	Sgt Bertrand G
WO Russell DM	Sgt Tillmans JL	Sgt Campion R
WO Smith WT	Sgt Van Der Burg AJJ	Sgt Cruse JP
WO Joosen P	Sgt Van Der Linden TH	Sgt Morey WH
Sgt Anderson MR	Sgt Velthuisen P	Sgt Pearce J
Sgt Atkinson NG	Sgt Pound KC	Sgt Rhodes GW
Sgt Barclay DK	Cpl Butala BO	Sgt Sinclair HR
Sgt Brister CE	Cpl Loat RA	Sgt Tewiel GJ
Sgt Cardell HR	Cpl Marra CR	Sgt Trowbridge RH
Sgt De Vlieger PC	Cpl Reece HD	Sgt Van Der Linden G
Sgt Edl E	Cpl Jemus LJ	Sgt De Vroom AJ
Sgt Fleming W	Pte Giesbrecht G	D/M Fisher AJ
Sgt Gibson DJ	Sgt Jamieson HS	Sgt Fussell H
CWO Murray P	Sgt Lentzen KA	Sgt Ireton EW
WO Boellaard JH	Sgt Maier A	Sgt Irwin AL
WO Reynolds RL	Sgt McMillan MBR	Sgt Johnstone W
WO Schipper M	WO Hails C	Sgt Loeb KW
Sgt Morris EJB	WO Van Der Hoef GJ	Sgt Manning RW

Sgt Mirtle JE
Sgt Van Der Weerd MC
Sgt Zandboer H

Sgt Harmenzon H
Cpl Cuthbert M
Cpl Mackie J

Cpl Pederson FH
Cpl Seton RW
Pte Berg KV

Of the above, three are Naval, two are RCAF and the remainder Army.

To close this annual report it is sufficient to say that we are continually busy with the usual round of Mess Dinners, various Regimental parades, local appearances and concerts, etc.

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Mobile Command Headquarters

BIRTHDAY PARTY 68

"Orders", said Col Brown, and the Mobile Command Headquarters staff officers (PPCLI) tensed with pen poised. "This year we are going to have the best Regimental type Birthday celebration possible".

The standard was thereby set for the 1968 Gala Patricia Birthday Party. A standard, which was well met, if the comments heard were any indicator.

Patricias, serving and retired, and former members of the Regiment, gathered from Kingston, Ont, St Hubert and Montreal, PQ. Serving Patricias included Col GG Brown, Col EMK MacGregor, Major CE "Chic" Goodman, Major MC "Murray" Stewart, Capt R "Bob" Dallison, GD "Gary" Hunt (now Major), DM "Dennis" Langley and AJRH "Art" Neadow. Retired Patricias were LCol GR Stevens, and CO "Clarence" Picher, one of the last of the "originals". Former Patricias were Sgt I "Ike" Ikuta now of the RCASC, WO CI "Danny" Bordeleau of the Int Corps and Sgt M Stewart of the RCAF. LCol PO "Phil" Stayner and LCol OR "Owen" Browne were invited to attend but could not, because of other commitments. Major JCR "Jock" Pellerin was also invited to attend, but could not make it back in time from his new posting to Germany, a poor attitude in our view.

It was decided that two Broom-i-loo games would be played, the first featuring the Mobile Command Headquarters team led by Col Brown playing the "Others" led by Col MacGregor. After this game, the Officers would oppose the NCOs in the traditional manner.

The day and playing surface were perfect for the occasion. A light rain fell for most of the day which brought the ice surface to that fine degree of



The Broom-i-loo players of Mobile Command Headquarters pose on the field of honour, 17 Mar 68. From the left Col EMK MacGregor, Col GG Brown, Maj MC Stewart, Capt DM Langley, ret'd, WO Bordeleau, Maj C Goodman, Sgt R Hill, Sgt I Ikuta, Capt AJH Neadow, Cpl Simard

perfection that is so familiar to the Patricias. Water levels were not too high. Depending on the area being utilized at any one time, the depth was anywhere from ½ to 2½ inches.

To ensure an impartial start Charles Goodwin (Jr) assisted by Jo-Anne Neadow (the only) were pressed into service as referee and linesman respectively.

Charles blew the whistle and threw the ball high into the air to start the FMC Patricias/Ex Patricias Vs the "Others" Game. Like a tiger Col Keith was after the ball and accidentally stroked Col George with his broom. No penalty was assessed as it was felt Colonels should be able to look after themselves. As play continued there was a multitude of minor infractions, but no one paid any attention to these as it was felt that there would be an undue delay in the game.

Play see-sawed back and forth during the periods, but it soon became obvious that the FMC HQ team were well-oiled, precise and game to play. This game ended in a scoreless tie.

The second game saw the officers play the NCOs and again, as usual the officers outplayed the sergeants two to one and drew the first blood. Inflamed by this turn of events, the NCOs turned on the officers and soon evened the scoring.

Cleanliness was a key note of the game as can be attested to by Col Stevens and his guests.

A highlight of this game came in the final period when one of the sergeants who shall not be forgotten by Col Brown, inadvertently placed his broom between Col Brown's legs for the only dunking of the game. The game ended a one to one tie.

Drinks were served in the Recreation Centre of CFB St Hubert after the games. The highlight of this event was the unveiling of the cake, which was donated to us by CFB St Hubert. It was beautiful — 4' wide x 2' 6" long and decorated to depict the Regimental Colour.

Clarence Picher came with LCol Stevens' party and these old Patricia friends along with the Patricias from Kingston made the day for those of us at Mobile Command Headquarters.



Following Mobile Command Headquarters Broom-i-loo game, 17 Mar 68, 'The Reception' From the left, Capt DM Langley, ret'd, Col GG Brown, Cpl Simard, Mr CO Picher, Montreal Branch, Sgt I Ikuta, LCol GR Stevens, Montreal Branch, Capt AJH Neadow

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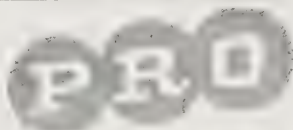
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Patricias at Canadian Forces Base Rivers. From left to right front row, Capt RA Rodgers, Cpl FM Clavette, Capt CC Smith, all of Airborne School. Standing, from left, Sgt LR Giles, Airborne School, Sgt CV Hatcher, Trials and Evaluation Section (Airborne) Capt WF Boll, Airborne School, Major AG Caesar, Officer Commanding Airborne School, Sgt Jim Edinborough, Base HQ, Lt GP Fisher, Trials and Evaluation Section (Airborne) MWO Rogers, Airborne School. Missing from the photo is Cpl HR Sheppard of the High Tower Detachment, Airborne School at CFB Shilo

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(Canadian Airborne Regiment)

by Capt JP McManus, PPCLI

When the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry completed its tour in Cyprus, a number of us bid good-bye to our comrades, and reported to the 2 Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment, now located in Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton.

We arrived just in time for Exercise Pouncing Tiger.

Immediately on our arrival, and before the exercise, we were whipped into shape with parachute refresher training and a number of jumps.

With the arrival of 1 Commando from Valcartier, Quebec, we moved on to Exercise Pouncing Tiger. This exercise was held in Chilliwack under the worst weather conditions we had experienced since our tour in Germany. It rained every day but one, at which time it snowed. Throughout the exercise the bivouac area was threatened by floods, just to add more interest.

The exercise covered such training aspects as basic mountaineering techniques, quick-kill, jungle training and helicopter rappeling. It was climaxed by a search and destroy mission conducted by helicopter, vehicle and on foot. The exercise was a success and for most of us the training was new and interesting.

After the exercise those entitled to leave proceeded on leave. Those of us left behing utilized this time to complete our organization and administration in preparation for 1969.

The Christmas and New Year's period was celebrated with the traditional Men's Christmas Dinner and the Sergeants' At-Home to the Officers. Both occasions proved highly successful.

The Airborne Regiment is a strange mixture of people from almost all units of the Army. The 2 Commando is made up of personnel from all the Regiments, with a large percentage from PPCLI and the QOR of C. It is most interesting working with people from other units. They are able to present a variety of training methods and problem solving techniques. Surprisingly enough there is little inter-regiment friction. This is due, in a large part, to personnel being well mixed with those from other Regiments and everyone working towards a common goal, The Canadian Airborne Regiment.

The Regimental customs and traditions are guarded jealously and no attempt is made to suppress them. We will continue to observe our Patricia traditions and celebrations in the normal manner and to the best of our ability.

Despite the normal and unexpected problems of a new unit and new training techniques, the Canadian Airborne Regiment supplies plenty of work and training, and keeps its members happy. By building up, and maintaining a healthy Esprit de Corps, a good sense of humour, and remembering the unofficial motto of the Regiment, "Maximum Flexibility", it will be a good two years.

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The training year 1967-68 was one of extensive activity. The recruiting drive in the Spring of 1967 allowed the unit to begin in the Fall with a good strength. This large complement of men enabled the unit to operate at a high degree of efficiency. A programme of week-end exercises was carried out leading up to the summer training period in Camp Wainwright.

For the first time, the Battalion was able to supply a small body of men as reinforcements for the Second Battalion in Northwest Europe with 4 CMBG.

Within the unit itself, no major changes were experienced. The RSM, CWO Williams, was asked to stay on another year to allow the proper training of a replacement. A general shuffling of the officers allowed all members to experience phases of training and employment other than that which they had previously been involved with. The high level of efficiency, evident within the training and administration of the Battalion, illustrated the effectiveness of this shuffling.

Support Company was kept busy with an advanced infantry training programme designed by the Regular Force instructors working with us. The other two Companies, B and C, rose from the status of partially trained recruits to the level of Militia Infantrymen Group one. This enabled us to lay claim to being the most completely trained unit of our kind in Western Canada.

After the long months of classroom and field training, experienced during the Fall and Winter, 1967-68, the advent of Spring issued in a number of well organized exercises that allowed all this knowledge to be applied to practical use. Exercise HAYBAY ONE included a night scheme followed by all companies firing on the Mechanical Target Range, defensive action involving a dug-in-position as well as additional range practices. Added to these were numerous overnight exercises at local training areas.

Armed Forces Unification brought a slight change to the Battalion role. Following the formation of Ace Mobile Force, one Company was allotted to this force. The first physical participation occurred early in the summer of 1968. The Battalion was able to put up A Company, at near full strength, for this Concentration. The training of the previous winter stood them in good stead. They were able to meld into the exercises with minimal difficulty. The remainder of the Battalion spent the concentration reviewing the problems of a supporting role.

Following the completion of the concentration, the majority of the men remained at camp taking trades and promotional courses. Some of the more qualified were employed on Call-Out positions to assist in the general administration at various Prairie Region Camps. The majority of the officers, on the other hand, rather reluctantly returned to the city and their mundane civilian jobs.

Eight of our junior NCO's were able to travel to Germany under the auspices of Operation ORION. This was another first for the Battalion. Never before had overseas training been available to us. Fortunately, all eight were attached to the Second Battalion. After a two week period of integration and familiarization, they participated in a schedule of NATO exercises. This was extremely valuable experience since these exercises involved the large scale deployment of troops. Mechanization, NBCW and air mobile aspects of warfare were the main lessons learned. The knowledge and experience derived was of tremendous value to the Battalion as well as to the NCO's themselves. These NCO's returned to the unit, able to personify the extent and degree of regular force training they had undergone.

In conclusion, the success of the past training cycle is re-emphasized in the hope that all the experience gained, and the lessons learned, will be applied in the cycles to follow. With proper application of this experience and knowledge, future years should be even more successful. Finally, a word of thanks and appreciation to Regular Force personnel attached to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) for their expert assistance in making this past year what it was.

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2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps

EDMONTON, October 17th, 1968 — Cadets of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps donned the maroon beret of the Canadian Airborne Regiment for the first time last evening in a ceremony which marked the end of PPCLI sponsorship of the corps in Edmonton.

As the command to 'change headdress' rang out across the drill hall, 62 youths removed the green beret of the 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps and put on the maroon beret of the 2551 Airborne Cadet Corps.

These cadets were inspected by Major W.H.J. Stutt, CD, who was commanding officer of the PPCLI Depot, the sponsor of the corps until the depot was disbanded.

Colonel D.H. Rochester, OBE, CD, commander of the Edmonton based Canadian Airborne Regiment took the salute from the cadets as the corps marched past under the command of Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major R.D.M. Johnson.

Col. Rochester advised the youths on parade that they would be taught all the skills of the airborne soldier — mock tower practice — lashing airborne loads for dispatch — but it would be some years before they would be old enough to leap out of aircraft.

When speaking of their past affiliation, Col. Rochester told the cadets not to forget their association with the PPCLI.

"It is a proud regiment" he said, "a unit with great traditions. Look on the days with the PPCLI with a good deal of pride".

During the ceremony, Major Stutt presented his son, Cadet Lieutenant O. Stutt, with a medallion won at the Commonwealth Rifle Competition in Barbados during the cadet exchange this past summer.

At the present time there are 62 cadets in the corps but Captain Ross Edwards of the Cadet Services of Canada is hopeful that they will have a total of



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80 boys, age 13 or older in the Airborne Cadet Corps. A corps, in the words of their sponsoring regiment's commander, Col. Rochester, "a first class group of soldiers, neat, trim and correct".



Major WHJ Stutt, CD, Commanding Officer, PPCLI Depot, pauses in his final inspection of Number 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps to speak with Cadet Tommy Hogg.

2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps

On the 2nd of November, 1968, 1 PPCLI became the sponsors of 2554 Cadet Corps. The corps had been previously sponsored by the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada since its inception in 1953.

The change of sponsorship was marked by a parade at Mewata Armouries which was inspected by Brigadier-General W.A. Howard, CD with Lt. Col. A.M. Potts, CD, Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI and Major J.L. McCulloch, CD, representing the QOR of C Depot.

When the inspection was completed, Brigadier-General W.A. Howard, CD accepted the responsibility of the Corps from Major McCulloch until Lt. Col. A.M. Potts signed the documents as the new sponsor. The Cadet officers during this time changed their badges and accoutrements from QOR of C to PPCLI.

The Corps then marched past in column of route with Major McCulloch taking the salute for the last time.

The old sponsor presented the Corps with a new Cadet Flag bearing the QOR of C badge and on which is being emblazoned the PPCLI cap badge. In this way the Corps history is recorded.

The Cadet Corps of Drums, in PPCLI full dress, then "Beat Retreat" and the Canadian flag at the dais was lowered. As the Drums played the Sunset Hymn and Retreat, symbolizing the end of an era, they became Patricias.



Number 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps Drums on parade at the Alberta United Services Institute Military Ball, November, 1968



Colonel DH Rochester, OBE, CD, Commanding Officer, Canadian Airborne Regiment, adjusts a maroon beret following the change-over parade of Number 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps. Major WHJ Stutt, CD, Commanding Officer, PPCLI Depot, observes the adjustment.



Number 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps Drums on parade in Currie Barracks, 15 Nov 68

At the Remembrance Day Parade, 11th of November, our Corps of Drums led the Army Cadet Contingent. Later that same day Lt. Col. LS Thompson, CD, Commander of the Calgary Service Battalion presented the Corps of Drums with a Mace.

The Corps at this time has a strength of 106 Cadets and are in the midst of the year's training with several specialist courses, such as N.C.O. and Master Cadet being added as extra attractions. The Cadets parade Saturday mornings and extend an invitation to all Patricias and ex-Patricias who would like to observe them at their training.

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Quevrain to Mons—November 1918

"OR RETURN TO MONS"

By L. Hancock

A reunion of veterans of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, held in Ottawa in September of this year, was for many of us both an historic occasion and a satisfying experience. The meeting marked the fiftieth anniversary of the last hundred days of the first World War. Old comrades were met, old tales were retold and pledges of brotherhood renewed. Returning home, the reading of a newly arrived book by Ralph Hodder Williams — "Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 1914-1919", Second Edition, brought some of those last great eventful days of the war into vivid focus. Thus I feel impelled to set in writing my experiences, in so far as they related to the movements of Number 4 Company of my regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, in which I was a Platoon Commander.

The enemy was in full retreat. By the morning of November 7th we had crossed from France into Belgium and arrived at Quevrain preparatory to taking over the front line of advance. By the morning of November 9th our Company had been advancing rapidly for two days and two nights meeting only sporadic resistance from the retreating enemy. Morale was very high. We were conscious of the fact that we were now in historic Belgium, not as conquerors, but as liberators. Some inner force, doubtless due to the years of frustrating trench warfare, gave us a strength we little knew we possessed. Our enthusiasm knew no bounds.

On this morning of November 9th, Number 4 Company, under the command of Captain A. C. White, was somewhere in the vicinity of the mining town of Jemappes, with scouts out moving toward the city of Mons. The significance of the line of advance that had been assigned to us was clear. It was at Mons in August 1914 that British soldiers made their first stand against the advancing German Armies. Here we were in the same area and doubtless treading the same road. To be among those returning to the city in victory would be a great and symbolic honour.

Apparently the German High Command had thoughts of another colour. We were to discover that we were not to take the city without a fight. About this time Captain White gave me a message to be personally delivered to battalion headquarters. This I accepted with some reluctance, not wanting to leave my platoon, but having been long enough in the army to know that the first duty of a soldier is to obey. Even to locate the regimental HQ under these open warfare conditions was a job in itself. Nearing the completion of my mission I was suddenly held up and surrounded by a crowd of civilians. They were holding a man they claimed was a German spy. They were in an ugly mood and appeared to want me to assist in lynching him on the spot. Telling them to stand back, and firing a shot into the cobblestone road so that the sparks flew, I managed to extricate the man and marched him off to battalion HQ. Here I lost no time in getting rid of him and delivering the message.

My chief concern now was to get back to my advancing company. I had my map of operations and proceeded eastward, keeping in sight of the Valenciennes-Mons railway which was marked as our left flank. I was running through open fields about midway between the railway and the Jemappes-Mons road and could see the city in the distance. This area of open fields gradually narrowed down to a point where the road crossed a bridge over the railway and

into the suburbs of Mons. Not having caught up with the company did not worry me when I considered the speed of their advance. I was conscious of occasional rifle shots but passed on and finally arrived at the bridge. By running diagonally over the bridge and diving into cover of the embankment on the south side I felt I was safe. A cautious civilian at the same spot rapped out something to the effect that I was running into the German line. Allemand! Allemand!

Naturally I got back to the West side of the bridge in a hurry, and the question was "Where now?" In no time at all, by retracing my steps, I saw infantry advancing in single file down the Jemappes-Mons road. It was Captain (Cyril) White in the lead, who exploded as could be expected, "Where the hell did you come from?" So far as I can remember my only reply was "Don't go over that bridge."

We flattened out, relaxed and discussed the next move. It was evident we needed more information. Fortunately, twilight was falling. With two or three scouts I returned over the bridge and into a deep ditch, again on the south side of the road. We ran up the ditch to a point where we were stopped by a large house closely abutting the road. All was quiet. It appeared safe to proceed to the front of the house where dim light was coming from the basement. When I knocked on the front door a voice from within called "Je viens". At the same time a machine gun in another building, somewhat further along on the other side of the road, opened up on the house. In a split second I was through a half open driveway gate, immediately east of the house, frantically vaulting backyard fences back to the other members of my scout party. We could clearly see the building from which the firing came but it was too far away for us to reach with Mills hand grenades. By the same token it was foolish to think we could do them any damage by firing single rifle shots. With the darkness coming on we had to go for further directions.

Captain White advised giving the machine gun nest a dose of rifle grenades. These rifle grenades were the same as the hand grenade but adapted to be fired from a rifle. Duly equipped, back we went with the rifle grenadiers and fired off our salvo. This time there was no answer. Now we knew the birds had flown and we were able to send back the message "all clear".

With the company continuing its advance and feeling myself somewhat relieved of duty I could not resist going to the house again, this time with more caution and, to the back door. I shall never forget the excited cry of the person who came up from the basement to answer my knock. A long — "Ah-a-a C'est un Anglais". The next few moments were an indescribable mixture of hugs and kisses, offerings of bread and cakes, lifting up of little children, anything to express their joy. It was the home of Monsieur DeFrise and Madame DeFrise, who with their daughters, neighbours and children were nineteen in all in that basement. Being afraid of losing contact with my comrades, and assuring them I would return I explained it was necessary to go on. For me the day's work was over. On the floor of a smaller house, a few doors down the street which served as company HQ, sleep overcame me.

Our senior officers were busy overnight and were ready with a further plan of advance with the coming of daylight. While it was still dark our advance elements were held up again at another smaller bridge over a watercourse near a bend in the road leading to Avenue Jemappes. It was November 10th and the attack was to start with the first dim light of dawn. Lieut W. (Bill) Popey was to rush the bridge and proceed along the left flank of the main road leading into Mons. I was to follow with my men to the right side where there was a brewery and again a fairly deep ditch. Firing commenced with Popey's attack and if I remember rightly Bill and his men were advancing from tree to tree along the

avenue using whatever cover they could get. Following with my men, and once in the ditch, our advance was easier. Beyond the brewery the ditch ended with a long line of row-housing closely fronting on the road. As we were not held up we proceeded by hopping the back yard fences and kitchen gardens of these houses. It was just too easy and we advanced farther than proved sensible. Suddenly there was a loud noise of shouting and rushing of feet. It was an enemy counter attack in the street out front. We had only seconds to get into one of the empty houses by way of a back door, up the stairs and into a second storey front room with a window overlooking the street. We were six in all.

It is difficult to describe how men act in such tense and dangerous situations. There was deep consternation expressed in various ways. We knew we were completely cut off from our company and had no way of knowing how Popey and his men had fared. Calmness quickly returned, however, and seeing a German soldier in partial view standing immediately below the window, the boys wanted me to try and get him with my revolver. This I could not do without sticking my head out of the window. It was convenient to rationalize afterwards that discretion is the better part of valour. Big Monaghan volunteered to try. Standing on the inner window ledge, with his head near the ceiling and supported by someone else, he was able to draw a bead with his rifle on the helmet below. There was a sharp report and then the brief "I got im".

There were shouts which indicated the enemy was trying to determine where the shot came from. This only increased our sense of extreme danger. Had anyone tried to come in the back door and up the stairs he would not have lived long. This sense of crisis continued until shelling started. The buildings we were in being the target. At this time we thought it was from our own artillery but later learned it was enemy shelling. Some German infantry that we could see, had retired to the railway station approximately two hundred yards east into the city. Bricks and tiles were flying in all directions. Fortunately no shell made a direct hit on the roof above our hideout.

Prior to the shelling we had kept a guard on the stairway and back door relieving each other from time to time as the strain became too intense.

In particular I remember the courage of Monaghan. Off duty he was always getting into one scrape or another, but when under fire he was superb. It has always been difficult for me to remember names but the name of Monaghan is dented into my memory as if graven in stone. Finally the shelling stopped and there was absolute quiet. With a cry of "Now's our chance", we were out the back door of the house as quickly as we had gotten into it. Leaping the fences we rejoined our company at the site of the brewery. Our comrades said that we had been given up for dead or captured. We rejoiced to learn that there had been few casualties. It was now nearing nightfall and difficult to believe that these experiences had occupied the daylight hours of just one day.

That night the 42nd. Canadian Battalion leapfrogged our position and pressed on into the heart of the city. Our tired Company followed into the city behind them. All I can recall is that by dawn I was getting to sleep in a small hotel with the pleasure of being between white sheets.

At sometime past 11 a.m. I was awakened by Lieutenant (Robbie) Robinson. "Get up, get up Hanny", he called. "Look out the window, The Armistice is signed. The War is over". Incredible! Throughout these last hectic days no word had come through to us that the war was about to be ended. But it was true, too good to be true. From the window I saw in the street below another never to be forgotten sight. Masses of people were parading arm in arm and hand in hand. Other groups were in excited conversation. Bands were playing. Belgium flags and bunting were being strung up everywhere. Never have three

colours appeared to me so beautiful as the rich red, orange and black of the Belgium national emblem. Among ourselves we Canadians were quietly congratulating each for having come safely through a long war. Now, some of us said, perhaps we may live to be eighty. In the terrible years and days just ended possible death had never been far away. I remember a caption over an Estaminet door, "A la terrible ans 1914 - 1918". Now, happily, all was over.

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Back to the Battlefields

1-14 November, 1968

By P. H. Ferguson

It was a cool but bright morning when the Canadian Contingent of First War Veterans boarded the RCAF Yukon that was to take the party to Europe. But brighter still were the faces of that cheerful, expectant crowd as they stepped on the tarmac and marched to the waiting plane with a firm stride, to the tune of "Tipperary". Yes, it was a long way to go, but differing from wartime experiences, all were certain of where they were going and equally certain of a safe return.

For the Administrative Officers in the Department of Veterans Affairs, it lifted a bigger weight off their shoulders than they would care to tell. Ninety-seven men representing the same number of units that had comprised the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914-18 War had been safely tucked into the aeroplane, together with some twenty-four members of the conducting staff.

The plane moved down the runway at exactly 8:10 a.m. and in a short time took to the air. Next to me sat Jim O'Neil from Bowmanville, Ontario. He was a lieutenant in the 19th battalion and we had the opportunity of exchanging experiences in connection with the liberation and occupation of Mons. On my right was the representative of the Pay Corps. He was none other than R. D. Whitmore, OBE, the only original of the Patricias in Ottawa. He was wounded at Bellewaerde Ridge on May 8th, 1915. Thus we had congenial company, and were well taken care of throughout the journey.

On arrival in Brussels buses were on hand to transport the party to hotels as soon as the preliminaries were attended to and immigration officials satisfied with our credentials. Despite the adjustment in time — a difference of six hours — everyone seemed ready to turn in for a peaceful slumber, and judging from all appearances, no one seemed to have suffered from this handicap.

It was realized that most of the men would be tired after the trip, so there was no programme arranged until the afternoon. This gave us a free half-day to wander over the business section, do a little shopping and get acquainted with our comrades. Most of the veterans found different members of the party with whom they were previously acquainted, and as we rubbed shoulders with each other, new friendships were forged, with the usual exchange of wartime reminiscences. After the mid-day luncheon, the buses appeared on the scene and we were ready for our first assignment. As we drove out to the Ghent highway, those of us who had been in Brussels previously, were amazed at the development of the city. My own recollections were rather vague. I had not been there since I was with the battalion at Genval during the last half of December, 1918. At that it was quite an outing to get a pass to Brussels. I recall being very impressed with the design of the buildings and the old style architecture. About the same time, the Third Canadian Division held a grand ball in the same hall as that occupied by officials of the British Army, engaged in a similar function, when they were called away to the Battle of Waterloo quite some years before.

The first of some fifteen ceremonies was held at the Newfoundland memorial on the Ghent highway between the village of Halebeke and the city of Courtrai. This was to commemorate the battle of Lys. A description of the ceremony merits attention in that it set a pattern followed at all subsequent ceremonies. Those taking part included two Chaplains from the Brigade Group in Germany, namely, Major Alex Reid, representing the Protestant faith, and Major Labrie, the Roman Catholic Chaplain. While slight modification were

introduced at the different locations, the ceremony commenced with the Chaplains reading a short passage from the scriptures followed by a prayer. The two sentries, Corporal Major and Private Peters, 2 PPCLI remaining at attention during the opening part of the ceremony, now reversed arms. Following this the Last Post was sounded by the bugler, Corporal Derrien, 2 PPCLI, a moments silence and then reveille. The piper, Piper Major Hogg, Canadian Black Watch (RHC) then played the Lament. At its conclusion, the piper took his position with the Flag Party, which consisted of the Flag Bearer, Lloyd K. Mudd, a veteran of the 5th CMR battalion of Montreal, flanked by two members of the RCMP. The final part of the ceremony concerned the laying of wreaths. The Military Wreaths Bearer, Private Rech, 2 PPCLI, delivered the wreaths to the two veterans assigned, who after laying the wreaths, returned to their place in the line. The same procedure was followed in the laying all five or more wreaths in honour of fallen comrades. The first three wreaths laid were on behalf of the Government of Canada, Veterans Contingent and Armed Forces. Wreaths were also laid for the Royal Canadian Legion and National Council of Veterans of Canada. Wreath laying completed, one or the other of the Chaplains closed with a prayer.

On several occasions special features consisting of: short addresses covering the story of wartime engagements associated with the memorial; citations concerning acts of valour by individuals; historical background which led to the selection of the site of the memorial were related. These will be referred to in their proper place in this review.

Following the Saturday, 2nd November, afternoon ceremony at the Newfoundland memorial, I left the party and boarded the train at Courtrai for Ypres. Mr. Vierstraate, recently appointed an honorary life member of the PPCLI Association, provided me with accommodation. When the veterans arrived from Lille the following morning I rejoined the party for the service in St. George's Memorial Church. I shared with the Hon. Milton Gregg, VC, the honour of reading the scripture lessons. The Rev. L. M. S. Powell, Ghent, conducted the service. The church was filled to capacity with veterans, members of the British community in Ypres and a great many visitors.

After the service, we spent some time viewing the statuary, the plaques and tablets placed there by British, Canadian and Commonwealth military units that had served in the Salient. Most of the veterans present could recall service experience in this area. The statue of Lord French, the first Commander-in-Chief of the British and Commonwealth forces, occupies an important place at the rear of the sanctuary. It was he who put forth the idea of building a church, as a memorial to the fallen, rather than a stone or concrete memorial. Thus, with the influx of people from Britain serving with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Church has performed a worthy part in the religious life of Ypres. Likewise, it serves as an historic shrine where strangers and tourists from abroad may meet, rest awhile and get information about the city and its surrounding battlefields.

Among the plaques that attracted the interest of some of the veterans was the one dedicated to Sir Winston Churchill, who had served as an officer in the Salient in 1917; also the one to Lieut-Col John McCrae with his poem, "Flanders Fields", in copper lettering. A plaque to the Canadian Machine Gun Corps attracted attention by recalling the work of that doughty soldier, Brigadier General Brutinel and his brilliant service as its Commander. Not the least of these symbols that attracted attention was the PPCLI plaque in an alcove at the back of the church. It was unveiled in October of 1961 by the Colonel in Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, and on which is inscribed "In Memory of All Ranks Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who died in the 1914-18 War and

the founder of the Regiment, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, who served the Regiment until his death 28 November 58." I was proud to be able to relate, to those standing nearby, that of the 5,000 men who served the Regiment during that time, 1272 were killed or died on the field of battle and the names of over 500 are engraved on the Menin Gate as having a "grave known but to God Alone."

The second ceremony for the Canadian veterans that day was held at St. Julien. The memorial stands among beautiful cedars where the Canadian First Division suffered its first gas attack in April, 1915, and held on until May 4th after suffering heavy losses. Designed by F. C. C. Clemesha, Regina, it differs from other Canadian memorials, in that it is a single shaft rising 35 feet, with the head of a Canadian soldier in a bowed position at the top. It is sometimes referred to as the "Brooding Soldier" and several local memorials in Canada have been copied from it.

Nature treated the contingent harshly at St. Julien, in that it was the only day in the two weeks stay in Europe that it rained, though leaden skies and foggy weather generally prevailed. However, the veterans were given time to look around, view the beautiful setting and compare the terrain with that which they remembered when their reputation as volunteer soldiers was in the making. Subsequent results, of course, showed how well they stood the test, but not without great sacrifices.

At the Cloth Hall in Ypres, members of the Canadian Contingent were guests of the Burgermeister at a Vin d'Honneur. This gave the veterans an opportunity to compare the elegant new structure with the old building shattered with shells from the Germany artillery. During this event Hon. Milton Gregg, VC, presented the Burgermeister an ancient document that had been found in one of the cellars of Ypres in 1916 by J. M. Rowe of the 9th Railway Transport. It had received a careful face-lifting in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa and was quite readable. Part one of the document contained the names of the members of St. Peters Guild going back nearly 300 years to 1688. Perhaps some pages were missing, for the second part jumped to 1731. No information was offered as to whether or not the organization still exists. In any case, such a society could hardly be expected to make use of the information it revealed, other than to trace the origin of some resident families.

Following the official function at the Cloth Hall, veterans went to the Menin Gate where a ceremony was held at 5 p.m. This memorial gate, which replaced the old entrance to Menin Road through which the Canadians marched, often into disaster and death, contains on its columns the names of some 55,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who have no known graves. Of this number 7,024 are Canadians. Differing from the Vimy memorial, the names are shown by battalions, batteries or regiments. The PPCLI Column shows a total of 503 names, a greater number than any other single unit.

At the Hotel Brittanque, I was invited to attend the annual dinner of the LAST POST COMMITTEE. On this occasion I had the opportunity of meeting nineteen of the business and professional people and their wives. We had an excellent dinner followed by speeches and toasts. In a brief address, I assured the members of the committee that I had been greatly impressed with the fine work being done in maintaining the ritual at The Menin Gate and I felt that many in Canada would be glad to give it their support. It was revealed that the cost of sounding the Last Post is approximately \$6,000.00 per year and that current revenues from capital invested for this purpose only cover one half of this amount.

On Monday, November 4th, the party was transported from Lille, the Contingent's headquarters, to Sanctuary Wood for the first ceremony at 10

o'clock in the morning. Mr. Vierstraate kindly offered to drive me there, going by way of Bellewaerde Lake, that we might view the Patricia memorial commemorating the battle of Frezenberg. The withdrawal from Plougou Woods to a new position at Bellewaerde Lake gave the battalion little time to prepare a new line when the German bombardment started. Hence, on May 8th, 1915, the regiment suffered its most devastating losses to date. We found the Frezenberg memorial at Bellewaerde to be in a well kept condition and the maple tree showing good growth. We then proceeded to Sanctuary Wood for the ceremonies there. This Canadian memorial is located at Mt. Sorrell ("Tor-Top"), where the enemy made the break-through on the C.M.R. (8th brigade) front on June 2nd, 1916. The Patricias, with two companies in the appendix or apex of the Salient were able to withdraw to the main line at Warrington Avenue and hold their position at that point. The memorial represents a tribute to all those who lost their lives in the engagement from June 2nd, when the battle started, to June 12th, when the recovery commenced. The Patricias lost, in three days, over 400 men, a few more than those of the previous May, but among officers and non-commissioned officers, the losses were greater. Dr. Gaenepeel described the action, and the position, in relation to other battle areas in the Salient.

In the afternoon, ceremonies were held at Tyne Coe British cemetery, and at Passchendaele. It was at Passchendaele during the cold, wet months of October and early November, 1917, the Canadian losses exceed 16,000 before the ridge was captured. The pilgrims again had the benefit of a description of the engagement from Dr. Gaenepeel.

It was intended that we return to Lille via Armentiers, but owing to the lateness of the hour, this arrangement was cancelled. Hence, the group had no opportunity of paying tribute to "Mademoiselle from Armentiers", or of viewing



Mr PH Ferguson is seen presenting a PPCLI plaque to the Burgermeister of Ville Sur Haisne at a banquet held to honour the Canadian representatives on Sunday, the 10th of November, 1968.

the life-sized sculpture on display in the Hotel de Ville. It is proposed to erect this sculpture in honour of that mythical figure, whom few will accept as being one individual, but rather a symbol of many who served the troops in the Estaminets and Cafes of France in those days.

Monchy-lePreux was the first place visited on Tuesday the 5th. It was here that the Royal Newfoundland Regiment had fought in the Battle of Arras during April, 1917, and through the action of a small party is credited with having saved the day. In that picturesque little village, a favourite billeting area in World War 1, the stately Caribou adds beauty to the rural surrounding.

From Monchy-le-Preux, the party took bus to Dury, which marked the victorious advance of Canada's army in the second battle of Arras, the Scarpe, and the break-through to the Drocourt Line, between August 26th and September 2nd, 1918. After spending the lunch hour in Cambrai, the first real ray of sunshine, so far on the pilgrimage, seemed to disappear and clouds took possession. It was a great disappointment to amateur photographers. The next assignment, at Masnieres, marked the achievements of the brave Newfoundlanders with the usual provincial symbol, the Caribou. It was in this area that they fought a defence action in the Cambrai offensive of November, 1917. They held the ground with 248 casualties being the cost.

The visit to Bourlon Wood in the late afternoon was an interesting event. The importance of the action that led to the establishment of a memorial at this point cannot be overlooked. It was one of the great Canadian triumphs in the last one hundred days of the war. The action extended from September 27th to October 9th, embraced the Canal du Nord offensive, the capture of Cambrai, and was the forerunner of the second stage of operations leading to the fall of Denain on October 19th and later on, Valenciennes and Mons. As one approaches the wooded area, with the memorial at the summit, lime trees, which had suffered from persistent bombardment during the war, now shade the path, thanks to the application of expert tree surgery. One approaches the monument by steep stone steps and terraces cut into the embankment. Stately maples and conifers come into view as you reach the top and their age-old growth gives ruggedness and permanence to the setting. It is indeed a beautiful spot and one would search far for a more appropriate place to do honour to the men who laid down their lives at the very time, when the sweet fruits of final success were in the offing. The land was the gift of the Comte de Franquville, who by a sad turn of fate was himself a victim of enemy torture and death in World War II while serving in the underground movement to liberate his countrymen. One of the outstanding features of the ceremony that took place was the presence of his widow, his son, with his wife and family. To the Comte and to the members of his family present, the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs paid a fitting tribute. At the conclusion of the ceremony and address, the veterans were guests of the Comteesse at a community hall in the village, where champagne was served by a gracious hostess.

On November 6th, a group of pilgrims went to Wimmereaux for a service at the graveside of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, the author of "Flanders Fields."

At Beaumont-Hamel, the Newfoundland memorial stands on a high cliff in a large park called after this famous regiment that suffered such heavy losses in the opening Battle of the Somme, on July 1st, 1916. Indeed, 684 of its battle strength were casualties, and of this number 310 were killed or died of wounds. It was probably the greatest loss sustained by any one battalion in the Great War. In recognition of its sacrifice, King George V gave the regiment the honour of using the word "Royal" as a part of its name. It seemed fitting that the PPCLI—the first of the Canadian battalions to see service in the war zone—should have

its representative lay a wreath at Beaumont-Hamel in honour of a great regiment that had given so many lives to protect our freedom.

Time did not permit a survey of the park, but one feature of interest is the old trench system retained in its original form untouched by the hand of man. In the Newfoundland Park there is also a beautiful memorial to the 51st British Division but time did not permit us to see it.

Courcelette was our next assignment, an area associated with the Canadian participation in the Battle of the Somme, which commenced September 15th, 1916, (when tanks first went into action) and extending to November 18th of the same year. Courcelette, like Pozieres and other places is rebuilt showing none of the scars of war. There is no evidence of the old sunken road, where so many Patricias lost their lives on the first day of the battle. At the memorial, a number of French school children had gathered to honour the Canadians.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment had not fully recovered from its devastating losses at Beaumont-Hamel when they were called upon to take part in storming the trenches north of the village of Guedecourt. The memorial established there is a fitting tribute to a regiment that had 239 casualties out of a total strength of only 385 — normally the equivalent of two companies.

On Thursday, November 7th, the contingent was transported to Le Quesnel, where Canadians took part in the opening phase of the offensive of August 8th, 1918. The guns that opened up at 4:30 that morning did such effective work that the regiment was able to advance only a distance of 8 kilometers, flanked by the Amiens-Roye road on their right. This led to the engagement at Parbillers, where the gallant Major Drummond-Hay and many others were killed. Brigadier James A. de Lalanne, representing the Legion, and a former member of the regiment, gave an interesting description of the action that day. There are two personal items worthy of mention. An Australian soldier was on the point of death, on the day of battle, and R. G. Perry of Montreal offered to give his blood which saved the Australian's life. Another surprise awaited the regiment. In the evening of August 8th, when the regiment reached its objective, Lieutenant Colonel A. Hamilton Gault, then a staff officer at Ferfay and against specific instructions not to do so, arrived on a motorcycle to express his delight at the regiment's achievement. He just couldn't stay out of the fight.

Returning to Amiens for lunch, the veterans were given a short time to view the Cathedral regarded as one of the most magnificent in Europe. The beautiful architecture of the building, and the stained glass that adorns the interior, was of great interest to all. In the Cathedral is a single tablet placed on one of the main pillars in honour of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Awaiting the arrival of the bus transport to Vimy on November 8th, I was accosted by a French civilian, who expressed great surprise on seeing this large assembly of Canadians. He gave me an over-sized card on which was printed Le Commandant Honore Andre, President, Lille Branch of the National Society—Medaille de France. He was greatly disappointed that he had no foreknowledge of our presence in Lille. Had he known, he told me, a big celebration would have been arranged. This indicated the enthusiasm we found in many places when our presence came to the attention of French and Belgium people, and particularly those who had served in the forces.

Disappointment prevailed when heavy fog covered the Vimy monument, on Friday, November 8th. However, after the ceremony, many looked over the artificial trench system and the Grange tunnel, which many of us helped to excavate. We were met there by two groups of Canadian children, whose fathers are associated with SHAPE headquarters near Mons. Some of the teen-age pupils



Le Quesnel, France, November 7, 1968. P Howard Ferguson, PPCLI, left and AC Johnson, CFA, presenting young Frenchmen with Maple Leaf buttons

expressed a great interest in the First War and one lad told me that what he saw was a history lesson better than he would have received at school. Mrs. Betty Hadden, their attractive "charge d'affaires", was not present to hear this remark so none are likely to lose marks. Returning to Arras the veterans had a chance to look around the town before the bus returned to Lille.

The contingent was divided before leaving Lille on Saturday, November 9th, 31 going to Mons and 66 to Paris. The former represented those combatant units that had actually taken part in the final battle at Mons or were on the strength of their units at the Armistice. Since I belonged to the first group, this review will deal only with the ceremonies there.

On Sunday morning, about 8:45, a bus picked up our group of 12 veterans and proceeded to Ville Sur Haisne, where we attended early Mass. We were warned that the service might be a lengthy one, but it concluded at about 10:30, permitting us time to await the arrival of the 2 PPCLI Firing Party, Colour Party and Corps of Drums, with Major R. D. MacIntosh in command. With the veterans in the lead, we marched down the hill to the site of the Price Memorial. A wreath was laid by the Hon. Milton Gregg, VC, and Mr. H. Badanai, MP, on the Belgium Memorial, while four veterans laid a wreath on the Price Memorial. The death of Private George Price, presumed to be the last Canadian shot before the Armistice on that dramatic November day in 1918, was re-enacted with vivid reality and the firing party provided a military funeral setting for this gallant member of the 28th battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. McIntyre, Commanding Officer at the time of the Armistice, gave the address, explaining the background of this soldier's career and the events that led to the action which

ended his life. He then unveiled a plaque on the corner of the semi-detached home into which Price was carried when he was hit by a sniper's bullet.

After the ceremony, our party boarded the bus and proceeded to the Hotel de Ville, where Burgermeister of Ville Sur Haisne was our host at a Vin d'Honneur, and each veteran was presented with a medal. The medal, of bronze with purple ribbon attached, commemorates the Armistice with the years 1918 and 1968 stamped into the design, together with the cross symbolizing sacrifice and the rising sun depicting the beginning of a new era. On the reverse side are the two Majesties of the Belgium Royal House. On the same occasion, attractive Belgium girls passed to all Canadians present a glass mug bearing the Armistice inscription and a reproduction of the Canadian flag. A number of civilian guests were present from Mons and adjoining boroughs, with whom we enjoyed pleasant conversation. Included as a guest was a relative of the nursing sister, long since passed away, who attended to Private George Price when he was stricken.

The party then took a bus to Binache, where an elaborate banquet was given by the Burgermeister and Council of Ville Sur Haisne. Place cards indicated that the veterans were the special guests, but there was a number of civilians who came in later to fill the tables. Opposite me was Alex Sutherland, proudly displaying the Patricia insignia since he was at one time with the regiment, accompanied by his Belgian wife. He holds a position with the Veterans organization in Ghent and I found him a very jolly companion. George Licompte, Curator of the Mons Museum, attended this and other functions.

I had a very pleasant duty to discharge during the banquet at Binache. It was to present to the Burgermeister of Ville Sur Haisne a Regimental plaque containing the Burgermeister's name and the date of presentation. In a brief address, I explained that I had the honour of representing the Regiment which had formed a part of the 7th Canadian Brigade, in the army of liberation.

Armistice Day — November 11th was, of course, the highlight of the pilgrimage. For the veterans it was a busy day. Washed and shined well in advance of the starting hour we were taken by bus to a street adjacent to the Grand Place and from there moved into position on the Grand Place, almost opposite the Tribune d'Honneur. With us were some veterans from the United Kingdom, including some of the "Contemptibles", who had served with the British Army and fought so gallantly at the 1st Battle of Mons. Near us were the Belgium buglers, our own Patricias with officers and the Corps of Drums in their scarlet uniforms, giving colour to the scene. At the stroke of 11 o'clock, the buglers sounded the LAST POST. Following the silence, the National Anthems of each of the countries represented was played: Australia, United States, France, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Canada and Belgium. After the ceremonial part was completed, the Burgomeister, Leo Colard, delivered a short speech followed by brief addresses from Lieutenant General Lonay, of the Belgium Veterans Association, and Mr. Cote, the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs for Canada. At the march past which followed, Brigadier General John A. Clark took the salute in recognition of the part played by the 7th Canadian Brigade in the liberation of Mons fifty years earlier.

The 31 members of the Canadian contingent, soldiers and others that formed the parade, entered the gardens of the Hotel de Ville from the rear, where cupid still stands as a silent sentinel. We then went to the annex where a Vin d'Honneur was in full progress with many of the Councillors and others in attendance. When the wine was finished (and it seemed to disappear very quickly) we moved into the large banquet room of the Hotel de Ville. There the soldiers, Canadian and British veterans, the Canadian Ambassador to Belgium and other

important personages formed an assembly of some 500 persons who were lavishly wined and dined. Emblems of the fifty year old Armistice were everywhere. Even the linen serviettes, in the colours of Canada, provided the guests with suitable souvenirs of this historic occasion. Short speeches were given by Brigadier General Clark, who at this time presented to the Burgomeister, his war diary, showing a record of operations under his command fifty years ago. Brigadier General Stewart of the 3rd Division Artillery, who at nearly 92 was the oldest member of the Canadian Contingent, was made a freeman of the city, an honour he accepted in a brief address. Other speakers included the Burgomeister and heads of Belgium organizations.

At the conclusion of the banquet, which ended about 4:30, we took the bus to the vicinity of the Belfry Tower, then followed the narrow foot path to the British Memorial where a brief ceremony was held and wreaths laid. Finally the party all assembled on the Grand Place where seats were provided for the veterans to hear and view the 2 PPCLI Corps of Drums play RETREAT. No one could belong to the Regiment without feeling proud of the performance. At the conclusion, the Canadian flag that had flown from its staff all day, was lowered, carefully folded, and in a dramatic closing ceremony was presented to the Burgomeister by Hon. Milton Gregg, VC. Thus ended a series of events covering a period of ten days that may place another page in the history books of our fair Dominion. For those who had the privilege of taking part, the ceremonies, the human contacts and lasting friendships are experiences that will live long in the minds and hearts of all of us.

The climax of the day was the invitation extended to all veterans of the Mons group to accept the hospitality of the men and non-commissioned officers of Second Battalion at their quarters in L'Ecole de Plein. There we were treated to cocktails and light refreshments. When the party had assembled, Major Dick MacIntosh, the Officer in Charge of the 2 PPCLI party, called me to the front and I was presented with a plaque bearing the badge of the Regiment, with my name and date inscribed thereon. In a few words of acceptance, I spoke of the privilege of being the Patricia representative in the pilgrimage to the battlefields and of my great surprise in being so honoured. I spoke of the excellent manner in which the sentries and others discharged their duties at all ceremonies, and the outstanding performance of the Corps of Drums on the Grand Place — it made me very proud to be a Patricia. When the Regiment was formed we were fortunate in having leaders like Colonels Farquhar, Buller and Gault. These men set a pattern that has been followed throughout the years. I thanked Major MacIntosh and said that the plaque is a gift that I would treasure for the rest of my days.

On November 12th preparations were made to depart for Paris, there to join the rest of the contingent. I still had a promise to fulfill, namely to contact Pere Boulange, a remaining member of a Mons family that had befriended Number 4 Company Officers on the day of the occupation. I had met an English-speaking lady on Armistice Day and related my problems to her. She proved to be a good Samaritan. She and her husband picked me up at the hotel and drove me to the Boulange residence, where we found a man of eighty, living alone, assisted occasionally by a housekeeper. We had an agreeable chat. He remembered the Canadians coming to his place, where he once lived on the outskirts of the city and said he thought at first that they were Germans. Hence, when they discovered who their visitors were, the family showed hospitality in no uncertain manner. I pinned a Canadian button with Patricia colours on his lapel. Then he and his daughter, who came in later, insisted on duplicating the hospitality the family displayed fifty years ago. I toasted the old gentleman with the excellent

Scotch whiskey they provided and said Au Revoir. My lady benefactor gave me her card. I failed to notice the reverse side until I returned to Canada. Here was the message: "You lost your old friends — let the new ones welcome you. should you ever return some day to Mons."

Yes, it was wonderful experience, and I hope that this account of the journey will give the veterans of World War I who served with the Regiment in those far off days, some interest and pleasure in reading the above and if any shed some tears, I shall understand, for I shed mine too. Moreover, I found in talking to serving members of the Patricias, a keen interest in stories about "War That Was" and my contact with those fine manly chaps was an experience memorable.

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The Editor of the Patrician,
Regimental Journal,
PPCLI, Calgary.

Sir:

I would like to express my thanks to our Colonel, Major General Ware and Brig. R. C. Coleman, President of the PPCLI Association, Col. Reg Clark and all others who did me the honour of being selected to represent our Regiment at the 50th Anniversary of the Armistice held in Ottawa, November 11, 1968.

I travelled by plane to Ottawa, November 8, where we were all given a cheque for \$20 to cover minor expenses. All staying at the Lord Elgin Hotel where buses were provided to take us to the various functions as follows:

Sat., Nov. 9 Canadian War Museum where at 1700 hours a Reception and Buffet was served.

Flood Lighting Ceremony. Memorial Arch.

Luncheon in Veterans Affairs Bldg. served by all DVA helpers. Speakers: F. T. Mace, Acting Deputy Minister; C. F. Block, Department Secretary; Mr. Wodehouse, National Gallery.

Nov. 10 Preview of that fine picture by Raymond Massey, "When We Were Young", which I enjoyed so much. I sat beside that great Legion veteran, Alec Walker. Many wet eyes were seen when the picture ended.

At 1800 hours, the Minister of Veterans Affairs Reception and Buffet was held.

This was enjoyed by all. I had a long chat with Mr. Dube and Mrs. Dube. We joined in the singing of the many 1st War songs around the piano. It was hard to break up the party until 10 p.m.

Nov. 11 I will never forget the Cenotaph service and march past led by that grand old Calgarian veteran, Commandant F. M. W. Harvey, VC, MC, CD.

While the service was going on I could see all the Colonels of our Regiment whom I had served under and the many comrades and friends I had lost.

The march past was well done especially by men between 70 and a few were over 90. Our 49th representative and his wife attended. They have one good leg between them. This march past was shown on TV 11 p.m. News, November 11, Ottawa and 8 a.m. News, November 12, Vancouver. My granddaughter said I was marching with my mouth open. It must have been uphill.

The State Dinner and Reception made a grand finale. Before dinner we were able to meet all the prominent people, including the Governor General.

As follows is the programme:

Grace was said by the Reverend G. C. D. Kilpatrick, DSO, ED.

Toasts:

Her Majesty the Queen.
The Right Honourable J. G. Diefenbaker, QC, PC.
The Honoured Dead.
The Right Honourable L. B. Pearson, CC, PC, OBE

Silence:

The Survivors of World War I.
General J. V. Allard, CBE, DSO, ED. Chief of the
Defence Staff.
Lt. Col. C. N. Mitchell, VC, MC.

Remarks:

The Honourable Minister of Veterans Affairs.
The Right Honourable, the Prime Minister.
His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada.

Benediction:

The Reverend Father F. H. Costello.
The Government, the DVA, the Royal Canadian Legion,
the Minister of Veteran Affairs and everyone who planned
this day did everything possible to make us comfortable
and happy. I for one am very grateful.
I also wish to thank George Barclay and his Toronto
Branch of the PPCLI Association for making it possible
to meet so many of my comrades and friends of 50 years
ago as listed including the MO Dr. E. Cooper Cole who
inoculated me, then dug most of the Mills bombs shrapnel
out of my body at the time Kelly was killed at Mount
Kimmel:

Barclay, R. G.
Beeston, G. H.
Chamberlain, H. J.
Clarke, N. D.
Cooper-Cole, E.
Gianelli, V. F.
Hancock, M. L.
Hughes, G. W.
Johnson, G. A.
Keys, N. A.
Kirby, John
Lee, H. T. I.
Macdonnel, H. W.
Norris, L. S.
Patton, C. L.
Popey, W. J.
Rickaby, H. C.
Teskey, F. C.
Wallach, P. H.
Walker, W.
Watt, R.

I was also pleased to see Les Hancock and Bishop C. C. Robinson, the
other two surviving officers of 4 Coy who was at Mons with me, 1918 Armistice.

I hope and trust I was able to uphold the honour of our Regiment in
Ottawa and again, thank you all.

A small piece which some of us used to sing long ago comes to my mind as follows:

He might have been a RCR
A 40 Two or a CMR
Or perhaps a 49er
But in spite of all inducements to
Belong to other Regiments
He remained a Princess Pat
He remained a Princess Pat.
We must always remain
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In January the Battalion was still in Iserlohn as part of 4 Guards Brigade but in 20 Armoured Brigade for training and operations. In February, as part of a general reshuffle of Units in BAOR we moved to Celle, where we had previously been stationed in 1953, to become part of 7th Armoured Brigade. Normal training started immediately and Battalion Headquarters went out on its first Command Post Exercise under its new Brigade Headquarters. This turned out to be an almost monthly event. In April, the Battalion went to Sennelager Ranges to carry out annual classification and field firing and also took part in the BAOR Infantry Platoon Challenge competition. Early in May, we were visited by the Joint Services Staff College, Camberley, who very much enjoyed themselves both on and off duty. June was busy with the Companies engaged in Combat Team Training at Soltau. Later in the month the Battalion drove down to Hameln, Company by Company, to swim their APC's in the river Weser for the first time.

During the next month the Battalion carried out Battle Group Training with the 11 Hussars at Soltau and it was at this time that the news of our disbandment in 1972 was received and transmitted over the Battalion radio net. At the end of the month many officers attended the first Light Division dinner. The Battalion became a part of the Light Division officially in July 1968.

During August, the Regimental Birthday was celebrated in the traditional manner and the Sergeants' Mess held a large ball in the gym. Our new Colonel Commandant, Lt Gen Sir Richard Fyfe, KBE, CB, DSO, MC, came to visit us in September, and watched the Battalion carry out an assault crossing of the river Aller just outside Celle.

At the beginning of October, the whole Battalion drove out of barracks for the biennial Divisional Exercise "Eternal Triangle" which was stopped a week early due to extremely heavy rain and consequent exercise damage.

December was uneventful except for preparation for the annual Unit Equipment and Administration inspections soon after Christmas.

It has been a successful year of sport. The boxing team is in the Army Final, the hockey team is in the Divisional Final and the football team is unbeaten in the Soltau Garrison League. Every Company has sent riflemen to do a fortnights skiing in Bavaria where the Battalion has a hut.

This year the Battalion looks forward to training in Libya, Denmark and Norway, but is unfortunately unlikely to go to Canada!

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MINUTES OF THE 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN OTTAWA, ONTARIO ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1968

1 Call to Order

The 21st General Meeting of the PPCLI Association was called to order at 4:30 p.m. the 14th of September, 1968, by the President, Brigadier R. C. Coleman, DSO, MC.

2 Welcoming Address

Colonel S. H. Hill extended greetings to all members on behalf of the Ottawa Branch. Brigadier R. C. Coleman thanked Colonel Hill for his words of welcome.

3 Minute of Silence

One minute of silence was observed in memory of fallen comrades.

4 Notice of Meeting

The notice of meeting was read and the President declared the meeting duly constituted.

5 Tabling of Proxies

The Secretary tabled 89 proxies to be exercised by the President. The Secretary further tabled three proxies to be exercised by the Secretary of the Toronto Branch, and two by the President of the Vancouver Branch for a total of 94 proxies.

6 Quorum

The President declared that the 64 members present constituted a quorum in accordance with the constitution.

7 Minutes of the Last Meeting

It was moved by Mr. R. G. Barclay and seconded by Major S. A. Cobbett that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th of October, 1967, be adopted.

Carried

8 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising out of the Minutes.

9 Colonel of the Regiment's Report

Major General C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, expressed thanks, on behalf of all members, to the Ottawa Branch for being such excellent hosts at this 21st Annual Meeting of the Association. He informed the members that this was the first Annual General Meeting held away from the Home Station in 21 years.

General Ware reported that he had recently visited the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay. He relayed her message of warmest greetings to all members of the Association.



Hooky Walker, right, an original Patricia, takes advantage of the PPCLI Association Annual Meeting week-end to enlighten Gen JV Allard, CBE, DSO, ED, CE, Chief of the Defence Staff, centre and Major General CB Ware, DSO, CD, left on the exploits of the Regiment during World War I

He recently visited the First Battalion in Cyprus and regretted not being able to visit the Second Battalion in Germany. The members were advised the Regiment was in good hands and the Battalions doing a splendid job.

The Colonel of the Regiment concluded by explaining, briefly, the forthcoming move of the Home Station from Edmonton to Calgary.

10 President's Report

Brigadier R. C. Coleman began by notifying the members present that General J. V. Allard, CBE, DSO, ED, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, would be present for the dinner to be held that evening.

He read a card from Colonel J. R. Stone, who is at present touring the battlefields of Italy, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

He advised the members that they would be asked later to consider changes to the Constitution brought about by the move of the Home Station and the disbandment of the Regimental Depot.

The President reported that Private D. R. Thomson, a recipient of assistance from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, had been accepted in the University of Lethbridge and would be training under the Regular Officer Training Plan.

He stated that with all the assistance available to serving members of the Regiment some thought must be given to broadening the use of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and that a committee would be appointed to consider this.

Many members have expressed concern over the lack of co-operation being experienced in their dealings with Mr. Bastedo, the author of the book, yet to be published, "Early Memories and Tales". The President explained that the Executive Committee had obtained the services of Mr. Norman A. Keyes, MC, QC. Mr. Keyes visited Mr. Bastedo and a report will be made later in the meeting.

In closing, the President expressed his thanks to all members for their devotion to the affairs of the Association.

11 Secretary's Report

- (a) I will open my report by giving a summary of changes that are taking place at the Home Station. I hope this will answer the many questions I have heard today regarding the Depot, the Museum, Kit Shop, etc.
- (b) The Regimental Depot will be disbanded on 31 October, 1968. It is expected that a small increment to the Home Battalion will be authorized to look after Regimental Affairs. The increment will likely be:
 - 1 Officer
 - 1 Sergeant (Clerk)
 - 1 Corporal/Private (GD)
 - 1 Stenographer (Civ)
- (c) Arrangements have been made to locate the increment in Building T-22 at Currie Barracks, Calgary, Alberta. The building will accommodate:
 - The Regimental Museum
 - The Regimental Archives
 - The Reference Library
 - An Orderly Room
 - The Kit Shop
 - National Headquarters of the PPCLI Association
- (d) The disbandment of the Depot will require considerable amendment to the Constitution of the Regimental Executive Committee and the PPCLI Association. Complete amendment can best be made when the Home Battalion is in Calgary and the increment is authorized.
- (e) Lieutenant V. D. Cole has been posted to 1 Battalion effective 31 October, 1968. His posting states that he will "assume custodian responsibilities for Regimental Property". He will assume command of the increment mentioned above when that is authorized. In such capacity he is appointed Regimental Adjutant with effect 31 October, 1968. Pending the complete amendment of the Constitutions his Terms of Reference will be:
 1. Secretary Treasurer of the Regimental Executive Committee
 2. Secretary Treasurer of the Administrative Committee of the Regiment Fund

3. Custodian and Curator of the Regimental Museum and Archives
4. Editor of "The Patrician"
5. Supervising Officer of the Regimental Kit Shop
6. Supervising Officer of PPCLI Cadet Corps
7. Custodian of Regimental Property Records
8. Secretary Treasurer of the PPCLI Association
9. Secretary Treasurer of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund
10. A Trustee of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund
11. Custodian of the PPCLI Association Fund
12. Custodian of the Corporate Seal of the PPCLI Association

(f) **Membership**

Membership by branches is as follows:

Branch	Honorary Life		Ordinary	Total
	Members	Members		
Ottawa	—	51		51
Toronto	10	87		97
United Kingdom	6	18		24
Vancouver	10	74		84
Victoria	7	69		76
Montreal	—	64		64
Calgary	—	37		37
Edmonton	1	32		33
Saskatchewan	—	21		21
Winnipeg	3	197		200
	<u>37</u>	<u>650</u>		<u>687</u>

It is noted that annual dues for the year 1968 have not been received from Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg branches.

(g) **Annual Summary**

The annual summary for 1967/68 has been submitted to the Director, Companies and Corporations Branch, Department of the Secretary of State. The summary is available for inspection (PPCLI Depot file 1050 - 3 Volume 8, Folio 126).

(h) **The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund**

The annual return was submitted to the Deputy Minister (Taxation) Department of National Revenue. It is available for inspection (PPCLI Depot file 7331-6).

(j) **Frezenberg Memorial**

The annual report from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has not yet been received.

(k) **Reprint of Regimental History Volumes I and II**

1. It was agreed that the Regiment Fund would pay \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of publication and advertising. This, it is hoped, will be recovered from sale of the books.
2. Mr. R. G. Barclay was responsible for all printing arrangements.
3. The books are available at the Regimental Kit Shop at \$6.50 per copy plus mailing costs.
4. 602 copies were printed. 222 have been distributed to date and 380 are on hand.

(m) **"The Patrician"**

I would like to thank members for the response to our request for articles and letters. May I again remind members that copy for

inclusion in the next edition of "The Patrician" should be submitted to the Editor by 31 January, 1969.

12 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted copies of the financial statement for the period from 15 October, 1967 to 14 September, 1968, for the PPCLI Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

He further submitted an audited financial statement for the calender year ending 31 December, 1967.

It was moved by Major S. A. Cobbett and seconded by Mr. R. G. Barclay that the financial statement for the period ending 31 December, 1967, be adopted.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

13 Friends of St. George's Memorial Church

It was moved by Mr. R. G. Barclay and seconded by Mr. P. H. Ferguson that the sum of \$100.00 be expended for a Corporate Life Membership in The Friends of St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres, Belgium.

Carried

14 Terms of Reference Regimental Adjutant

It was moved by Mr. G. Bannerman and seconded by Major S. A. Cobbett that the Interim Terms of Reference for the PPCLI Regimental Adjutant, as presented by the Secretary, be approved as they apply to the PPCLI Association.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

15 Travel Expenses

It was moved by Mr. R. G. Barclay and seconded by Lieutenant Colonel R. P. Clark that the Executive Committee be empowered to authorize the payment of expenses, incurred by the President or his representative, for travel on Association business.

Carried

16 Honorarium

It was moved by Mr. T. D. Jotcham and seconded by Mr. A. H. Heatley that an honorarium of \$50.00 each be paid to Miss V. Dawn MacDonald and Miss Anne Guay for secretarial and stenographic work performed for the President on behalf of the Association over the past several years.

Carried

17 Annual Membership Dues

The meeting was advised that Branch Secretaries must forward Annual Membership dues to the National Headquarters by the 1st of June each year for the current calendar year.

18 50th Anniversary — Armistice 1918

The Colonel of the Regiment announced that the selection of members to attend the Ceremonies marking the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on the 11th of November, 1918, is:

(a) Mr. P. H. Ferguson to attend Ceremonies in Europe.

(b) Mr. W. J. Popey to attend the Ceremonies in Ottawa.

19 "Early Memories and Tales" — Mr. W. E. Bastedo

Mr. R. G. Barclay presented a comprehensive report on the steps taken to date regarding the proposed publication by Mr. Bastedo of his book "Early Memories and Tales". In spite of the best efforts of the Association it has been impossible to determine when or if the book will be published, or to effect the return of photographs and mementoes to members who loaned them to Mr. Bastedo at his request.

A lengthy discussion followed. In all cases the discussion supported Mr. Barclay's report.

The following resolution made by the General Committee was brought forward.

Moved by Lieutenant V. D. Cole and seconded by Mr. D. A. Gower that the Association having expended the sum of \$600.00 withdraw from any further financial or legal obligation in dealing with Mr. Bastedo but the Association will continue its moral interest in the pursuit of assisting in the recovery of mementoes and monies held by Mr. Bastedo for the publishing of his book.

The motion was carried with the following amendments added. Moved by Mr. R. G. Barclay and seconded by Mr. W. C. Smith that any legal action or further financial action will have to be taken by individual members concerned with Mr. W. E. Bastedo's endeavours. **Carried**

20 Amendments to the Constitution

Notice was given by the President of amendments to the Constitution that would be made necessary by the disbandment of the Depot. He pointed out that the Interim Terms for the Regimental Adjutant would suffice in the meantime. He asked Brigadier J. A. deLalanne to read the proposed amendments.

It was moved by Mr. P. H. Ferguson and seconded by Mr. K. J. Dunphy that the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare the above mentioned amendments and present them to the Association for adoption in due course. **Carried**

21 Honorary Appointments

It was unanimously agreed that the following appointments be made in recognition of long and devoted service to the Regiment.



During the week-end 14-15 Sep 68 many old tales and experiences were relived at the PPCLI Association Annual Meeting. Shown here, from the left, are four "Originals" Bill Popey, 1716, Charlie Webb, 94, Clarence Picher, 1143, Hooky Walker, 100.

Lieutenant Colonel H. W. Niven,
DSO, MC

— to be Honorary President of the
Association

Mr. A. Verstraete

— to be Honorary Life Member of the
Association

Burgermeister of Ypres,
Belgium

— to be Honorary Life Member of the
Association

22 Election of Officers

It was moved by Brigadier J. A. deLalanne and seconded by Lieutenant Colonel R. P. Clark that the following be officers of the Association for the next year:

President	— Brigadier R. C. Coleman, DSO, MC
Vice President	— Major H. G. Munro, CD
Past Commanding Officers	— Colonel E. M. K. MacGregor, MC, CD
	— Lieutenant Colonel L. W. Basham, CD

There were no other nominations. **Carried**

23 "The Patrician" 1967

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. P. H. Ferguson to the editor of "The Patrician", 1967 for an excellent publication. **Carried**

24 Motion of Appreciation

The President moved, and it was unanimously agreed, that an expression of thanks be extended to:

The Commanding Officer and Officers of Number 9 Transport Company for their hospitality in providing the use of their mess for the Meetings and the Annual Dinner.

The Commanding Officer and Officers of the Governor General Foot Guards for the use of their mess for the Annual Luncheon.

25 Adjournment

Moved by Mr. K. J. Dunphy that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. 14 September, 1968.

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Cash in Bank	\$2,237.90
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Liabilities

Association Capital

As per 15 October, 1967	\$7,325.62	
Deduct net disbursements	87.72	<u>\$7,237.90</u>

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 342.85	
Vol. IV sales	4.00	
Investment Interest	300.00	
Adjustment investment interest prior period	61.10	
Interest on Savings Account	101.52	\$ 809.47

Disbursements

Association Dinner	61.50	
Script Typewriter	152.55	
Travel Expenses Bastedo Book —		
Brig. R. C. Coleman	300.00	
Mr. Norman A. Keys	300.00	
Office Expenses—		
wires	11.68	
stationery	3.61	
telephone	29.10	
Annual Filing Fees	5.00	
Flowers—		
Late General Worthington	18.00	
Late Colonel R. W. Potts	15.75	\$ 897.19
Net Disbursement		<u>\$ 87.72</u>

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Period 15 October, 1967 to 14 September, 1968

Balance as per 15 October, 1967:

Montreal Trust Investment Certificates	\$15,000.00
Cash in Bank	2,258.01
	<u>\$17,258.01</u>

Add Income:

Donations	\$ 265.00	
Investment Interest	837.50	
Savings Account Interest	53.67	1,156.17
Sub Total		<u>\$18,414.18</u>

Deduct Expenses: Bank Exchange

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Balance as per 14 September, 1968

\$18,414.03

NOTE: Donations

Mr. A. W. Williams	\$100.00
Mr. C. E. Corrigan	100.00
PPCLI Association Vancouver	
in memory of T. C. Routledge	50.00
Mr. J. M. Robertson	15.00
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VICTORIA BRANCH

The year 1968 was another successful one for the Victoria Branch. There are 96 paid up members and 6 Honourary Life Members. Of great assistance to the Branch is the continued hospitality of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Sergeants Mess. Our meetings are held on the last Friday of each month, with the exception of the summer months of July and August.

The first Social of the year was held on the 9th of February at the Bay Street Armoury. Held in conjunction with the Black Watch Association it was a success with many World War I and II battles re-fought.

The Colonel in Chief's birthday was appropriately celebrated on the 16th of March with a dance in the QOR of C Sgt's Mess. The members of the Mess again displayed their hospitality by allowing us to give vociferous voice to our Patricia songs.

The 8th of May, Frezenburg day, was again celebrated by a Memorial Service at St Pauls Garrison Church, Esquimalt, on the 5th of May. Reverend Roberts, rector of St Paul's, was assisted by Reverend AW Ashley. Rev Ashley, 487330, was a private and corporal, with the Regiment from June 1916 to March 1919. With the old Queen's and Regimental Colours of the First Battalion suspended high over our heads, and a sermon dedicated to our fallen comrades we re-dedicated ourselves to our Regiment.

During our Annual Picnic, on the 23rd of June, the President, J Thomson, declared a 'stand-down' for the summer and advised us the next meeting would be in September. The picnic was a resounding success, again, many thanks to our friends of the QOR of C Sgt's Mess. Of never-ending marvel, to we of the younger generation, is the enthusiasm and energy of our older compatriots when a picnic is in progress. Their participation in sports and games knows no bounds.

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, QOR of C, the meeting, on the 26th of September, was held in the Work Point Officers' Mess. It was a well attended and successful evening.

At the October meeting, back in the Sgt's Mess, the Branch honoured two of its members for their outstanding work on behalf of all Patricias. Mr Hugh Mills and PN (Pete) Pederson have been unstinting in their efforts to visit every known sick Patricia over the past years. Their presence, and the comforts they brought with them, has brought a few moments of solace to many a Patricia in Victoria hospitals, in particular the Veterans hospital. A gold framed scroll to each of these was a small token of our appreciation. A presentation was also made to the Sgt's Mess in appreciation for their kindness and cooperation.

We were sorry to lose one of our Honourary Life Members, Mr Sid Jennings, to the United Kingdom Branch. At the same time we express our sympathy to Sid on the loss of his dear wife on Christmas Eve.

The members of the executive for the forthcoming year are:

President	Mr J Klassen
Vice President	Lt Col Lindsay
Treasurer	Mr G Holden
Secretary	Mr FL Mack
Members	Maj CEC McNeill
	Mr J Stanley

The Branch records, with regret, the vehicle accident and subsequent death of a staunch member, Mr Sid Normington.

Honourary Life Members

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Edwards JJ	4144 Birtles St, Victoria, BC
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✓ Featherstone H	4525 Juniper Place, Victoria, BC
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✓ Green AC	307 Uganda Ave, Victoria, BC
✓ Hart A	2100 Richmond Dr, Victoria, BC
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VANCOUVER BRANCH

This year we started off by having a Spaghetti dinner complete with Vino to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the landing in Sicily. We had 31 members turn out and enjoyed a good party. Unfortunately, we had counted on 50 members. It was decided to have our annual dinner in honour of our Col in Chief on the proper date, March 17th, in spite of the fact that it was a week day. This may account for the fact that our turn-out was again disappointing, though we had 52 for the dinner and a handfull who came later. It was interesting to note that we had an equal number of 1st War and Korean Vets. We had 42 of 2nd World War.

Officers for the coming year are:

President	Lt Col RP Clark
Vice-President	Pete Armishaw
Secretary-Treasurer	George Upton
Members	JWD Lewis
John Dyck	Ed Wyman
Don Urquhart	Wm Popey
D Gunderson	A Williams

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883	Draycot WM	1521 Draycot Rd, North Vancouver, BC
1780	Herbert HR	5369 McKee St, South Burnaby, BC
1153	Lang A	c/o J Lang, 5426 Keith Rd, Burnaby, BC
51306	Lang J	5426 Keith Rd, Burnaby, BC
1673	Lees G	125 East 2 Ave, Vancouver, BC
677	Miller W	12754 - 23 Ave, White Rock, BC
1716	Popey WJ	5042 Manor St, Vancouver, BC

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K 84649	Armstrong DA	3030 Willoughby Ave, Burnaby 3, BC
	Bagg MG	4050 West 4th Ave, Vancouver, BC
H 17375	Bain HM	15408 - 88 Ave, North Surrey, BC
SK 13773	Barker FE	4064 - 244 St, RR 1, Langley, BC
K 85042	Begon M	2387 Burquitlam Dr, Vancouver, BC
K 85296	Bentham FL	382 Ventura Dr, North Vancouver, BC
	Bradley JR	3828 Ortona Cr, Vancouver, BC
A 11102	Bunn CH	Ste 707 - 777 Cardero St, Vancouver, BC
K 85388	Butcher NS	21792 - 52 Ave, RR 1, Langley, BC
P 21458	Buxton FG	1538 Bishop Rd, White Rock, BC
SP 7501	Buxton WE	3720 West 7th Ave, Vancouver, BC
H 16134	Calverley MO	425 - 2 St, New Westminster, BC
489772	Campbell WJ	7426 Granville St, Vancouver, BC
U 1581	Caterer E	7058 - 150 St, North Surrey, BC
105256	Causier AH	Ste 310 - 1050 Jervis St, Vancouver, BC
H 16608	Chicosky S	872 East 15 Ave, Vancouver, BC
	Clark RP	1554 Matthews Ave, Vancouver, BC
M 38807	Cockrane AL	37 Agnes St, New Westminster, BC
K 43014	Crawford MA	1215 Edinburgh St, New Westminster, BC
411044	Crute E	112 West Keith Rd, North Vancouver, BC
SM 67168	Cummings AH	Ste 4 - 2487 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC
K 37015	Davie DG	3015 Kitchener St, Vancouver, BC
H 16350	Dickinson AE	979 West 17th Ave, Vancouver, BC
K 37130	Douglas ET	1174 Adderly St, North Vancouver, BC
K 800127	Duncan D	2631 East 28th Ave, Vancouver, BC
H 17062	Dyck J	4690 North Lawn Dr, North Burnaby, BC
K 76947	Eacott C	2778 - 200 Ave, RR 1, Langley, BC
SM 6844	Engel HR	436 Ash St, New Westminster, BC
McG 232	Ferguson WCD	Box 661, Courtney, BC
H 16474	Ferrar E	4712 Little St, Vancouver 16, BC
SP 22293	Ferris RE	3883 Antwerp Lane, Vancouver 8, BC
C 850626	Fowler JR	574 Nanaimo St, Vancouver, BC
H 16292	Gavin R	1245 East 7th Ave, Vancouver, BC
SM 107280	Gibson C	2830 East 4th Ave, Vancouver, BC
SP 21331	Glendinning G	1254 Hunter Rd, Ladner, BC
475387	Guile W	3331 Liverpool St, Port Coquitlan, BC
K 800381	Gunderson DM	5237 Marguerite Ave, Vancouver, BC
	Hatch DI	3947 West 18th Ave, Vancouver, BC
H 16804	Hanna FC	Ste 207 - 425 Carnarvon St, New Westminster, BC

	Harrington WE	7250 Killarney, Vancouver, BC
160016	Johnson PW	Ste 4 - 1566 West 14th Ave, Vancouver, BC
K 85247	L'Abbe A	4657 Marine View Cr, North Vancouver, BC
SP 21429	Lamb RO	270 Duthie St, North Burnaby, BC
H 800359	Laskey D	962 Alexandra Rd, Richmond, BC
ZP 1581	Lewis JWD	1040 Ottawa Ave, West Vancouver, BC
K 67016	Lougheed JL	2063 Harrison Dr, Vancouver 16, BC
587313	Lougheed MGM	2932 O'Hara Lane, Crescent Beach, BC
K 800015	MacCaig RL	9738 - 177A St, Port Kells, BC
H 16275	McDonell DAW	RR 2, Vernon, BC
McG 60	MacPherson FT	6060 Balsam St, Vancouver 13, BC
SP 21358	Martin HE	732 West 61 Ave, Vancouver, BC
SP 21433	Massie DA	Christina Lake, BC
SB 153120	Mitchell DD	5137 Spencer St, Vancouver, BC
SK 14734	Newbold JR	7643 Davies St, South Burnaby, BC
K 85314	Notschke J	1203 Bartlett Ave, Coquitlam, BC
H 16064	Novadile H	2671 Parker St, Vancouver, BC
SK 800123	O'Hara JM	2690 West 2nd Ave, Vancouver, BC
SN 800172	Parsons MF	5771 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC
SK 102032	Perry KE	14082 Park Dr, North Surrey, BC
SK 37126	Pringle I	680 - 3rd St, Nanaimo, BC
487321	Rennie WJ	2535 Crescent Dr, White Rock, BC
K 85270	Risto FA	4901 - 45 Ave, Ladner, BC
410929	Ritchie RG	545 Burne Ave, Kelowna, BC
H 16628	Robie S	7349 Gladstone St, Vancouver, BC
	Roberts EO	2236 Austin Ave, Coquitlam, BC
K 42027	Shaw EP	225 West 18th Ave, North Vancouver, BC
P 7477	Shaw WJ	595 East 48th Ave, Vancouver, BC
1849	Stangroom BJ	4633 West 16th Ave, Vancouver, BC
SM 107788	Suais BG	7345 Burris St, Burnaby, BC
P 22321	Upton GW	1806 Belle Isle Place, North Vancouver, BC
SK 1805	Urquhart DB	772 No 4 Rd, Richmond, BC
SA 1284	Wessel DC	3469 Mons Dr, Vancouver, BC
552751	Williams AW	6229 Angus Dr, Vancouver 13, BC
P 21397	Wilson AD	885 West 15th Ave, Vancouver, BC
SH 61472	Wilson CE	12454 Robinwood Cr, Haney, BC
K 21105	Wood WGA	5571 Melbourne St, Vancouver, BC
SM 800145	Wyman WE	852 Nicola St, Vancouver, BC
104628	Young W	3321 West 19th Ave, Vancouver, BC

CALGARY BRANCH

The year 1968 was a good and progressive year for the Calgary Branch with, among other things, an increase in membership. With the much longed for return of the Regiment, after an absence of eleven years, we look forward to the support and co-operation of our serving comrades. With the Home Station in Calgary we have the presence of our National Secretary Treasurer, Capt VD Cole, MM, CD.

The birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief was celebrated with a dinner dance at the Al-San Club. The branch was able to host a large gathering of friends, members and their ladies. Among the distinguished guests were His Worship, Mayor J Leslie, Brigadier General SC Waters, CD, and Mrs. Waters and Colonel VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD, and Mrs Schjelderup.

The members of the planning committee, headed by Laurie Bullard, an Honourary Life Member, are hereby rendered a public, and well earned, "Thank you" from all members.

Plans are in progress to repeat this success in 1969.

The annual general meeting took place on the 8th May, 1968 in the Officers' Mess at Mewata Armouries. The following members were elected to the executive committee:

President Hector Munro
 Vice-President Owen (Bill) Gardner
 Secretary-Treasurer Lou Holten

A grateful vote of thanks was accorded the Alberta United Services Institute for providing us with the facilities for our meetings. A further vote of thanks was accorded Sergeant "Blackie" Thurn for presiding over our bar with Patricia-like dignity and aplomb.

At the conclusion of the meeting Jimmy Shinn presented a gavel to the branch on behalf of the members of the Regiment serving in the Calgary Garrison. A much admired and useful addition to our acquisitions.

All Patricias, especially those serving between the wars, will be sorry to hear that Major WJ (Bill) Gibson, MC, is seriously ill in the Colonel Belcher Hospital.

In May, Hec Munro, Bill Gardner, Hank Haas and Lou England represented all of our members at an informal ceremony when "Gibby" was presented with a scroll honouring his thirty-one valued years of service to the Regiment.

We learned, with pleasure and pride in October that the Calgary Branch was honoured at the Association meeting held in Ottawa by the election of our president, Hector Munro, to the auspicious office of National Vice President.

At a special meeting, during which the good news was promulgated, Hec relinquished command of the Branch. The appointment of President being taken over by vice-president Bill Gardner.

Highlight of the year for us was the return of the Regiment to Calgary. To commemorate this great occasion we held a social evening on 20th December, 1968, at Currie Barracks. Our members were delighted to personally welcome Lieutenant Colonel AM Potts, CD, and Mrs Potts, accompanied by many of the officers, warrant officers, sergeants, junior ranks, and their ladies.

During the course of the evening suitably inscribed plaques were presented. Colonel Potts accepted for the Officers, RSM Dodd for the Warrant Officers and Sergeants, and Senior Corporal RG Mitchell for the Junior Ranks.

The Commanding Officer then addressed the gathering and with his usual wit and grace described First Battalion's recent tour of duty in Cyprus. A truly magnificent tour under very trying conditions.

This sums up our activities for the past year so Calgary Branch signs off with best wishes to all Patricias, past and present, wherever they may be.

Editor's Note: *Since this report was received, it is necessary that we regretfully report that Maj WJ Gibson passed away on the 3rd of March, 1969.*

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SM 6999	Kisko N	2217 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary 4, Alta.
SL 108833	Kraley AJ	7640 - 23 St SE, Calgary 28, Alta.
SH 40976	Laird G	7611 - 37 Ave NW, Calgary 46, Alta.
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SM 107933	Lock WA	820 Archwood Rd SE, Calgary 30, Alta.
SM 53419	Love JL	64 - 6 St NE, Calgary 61, Alta.
SM 508252	Malcolm G	708 - 1 Ave SW, Calgary 1, Alta.
SH 75036	Millis W	535 - 19 Ave SW, Calgary 3, Alta.
	Millman K	4747 Greenhill Cr NE, Calgary 67, Alta.
ZP 1487	Munro HG	103 - 320 Cedar Cr SW, Calgary 4, Alta.
M 10601	Munro D	4207 - 15A St SW, Calgary 7, Alta.
SP 22254	McKie J	5127 Carney Rd NW, Calgary 48, Alta.
SH 23063	Nairne J	PO Rainbow Lake, Alta.
SH 206475	Norris J	2008 - 43 Ave SW, Calgary 7, Alta.
SM 6697	Parker RJ	655 - 12 St NE, Medicine Hat, Alta.
SH 931	Pampie J	128 - 41 Ave NW, Calgary 47, Alta.
SL 162250	Polson E	2439 Fir Dr SE, Calgary 22, Alta.
SH 40731	Reid B	3916 - 16A St SW, Calgary 7, Alta.
SP 21442	Roberts RA	4711 - 29 Ave SW, Calgary 8, Alta.
SF 39355	Rossiter B	2124 - 53 Ave SW, Calgary 10, Alta.
SL 112009	Sanftleben RC	Sub PO 36, Calgary, Alta.
SL 120080	Sauve R	Ste 7, 1122 - 12 Ave SW, Calgary 3, Alta.
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EDMONTON BRANCH

One of the highlights experienced by the Branch members was the annual "Frezenburg" dinner and smoker. This year, unlike the past, the members of the Edmonton Branch were hosted by the PPCLI Depot Officers, WO's and Senior NCO's. Arrangements for this memorable occasion were masterfully "laid on" by Major WHJ Stutt, Depot Commanding Officer and RSM Ron King in the Sergeants Mess. Delectable quantities of prime rib, ham, potatoes, salads, etc, were served on Regimental chinaware and appropriate goblets of a fine old vintage had many members calling for second helpings. We were delighted with the attendance of the ever popular AW "Andy" Mills (Lt Col, ret) who, during the course of the evening was extremely busy renewing old acquaintances.

Members

Baker D	37 Sorrel Crescent, St. Albert, Alta.
Bexon	10147 - 83 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Brasnett TR	13759 - 115 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Campbell S	11602 - 86 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Church M	13316 - 95A Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Cox F	13420 - 94 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Dolan L	9520 - 144 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Dunn JT	12928 - 131 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Edginton HG	13527 - 114 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Edwards D	11312 - 99 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Ferguson JCW	10111 - 147 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Folster GA	13711 - 101A Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Gower D	12108 - 39 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Greeley W	13211 - 68 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Hinteregger R	7111 - 83 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Hurst LL	14808 - 77 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Kozak M	9741 - 72 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
MacDonald RC	14810 - 132 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
McDonell DCM	11551 - 141 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
McKerracher WN	14015 - 101 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Mills AW	14320 - 92 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Nuefeld C	11544 - 88 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Query W	1206 Rowan House, Edmonton, Alta.
Rohac E	13404 - 123 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Smith L	13508 - 110A Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
Sproule RC	10123 - 123 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Thirlwell D	13318 - 140 Street, Edmonton, Alta.
Yost M	5404 - 101 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

The slate of officers of the Winnipeg Branch for 1969 are:

Padre	Rev John Martinson
Past President	Doug Walsh
President	Ernie Dodd
1st Vice President	Doug Vanstone
2nd Vice President	Wilf Rielly
Executive Members:	
Secretary	Frank McBride
Treasurer	LC Martindale
GA Fines, AE Young, W Saniuk, D Coyne, S Burdeiny, S Troche, R Falconer.	

It appears that our membership has now exceeded the two hundred mark. The chairman of the Membership Committee, Bill Saniuk, and his committee are to be congratulated for a job well done.

We are happy to report, however belatedly, that one of our members was awarded the Centennial Medal, the late J Duncan of Gimli, Manitoba.

It was with regret that we heard the news of the tragic death of Col RW "Sammy" Potts, CD, on the 1st of July. Our President, Ernie Dodd, represented our Branch at the funeral held in Chilliwack, BC.

With Steve Burdeiny as Chairman of the Welfare Committee, and his wife, Rita, leading the Ladies Auxiliary, the welfare of many of our members and their dependents has been well taken care of. The committee distributed

Xmas gifts to twenty-five children, ten hampers to widows and a quantity of footwear and clothing to those in need.

Misses Sharlene Jean Stewart and Judith Eileen Fines and Master James Alexander Fines were the winners of the PPCLI Women's Auxiliary Memorial Scholarships for 1969.

The spring and fall dances were enjoyed by all those who attended. The proof of the success of the fall dance were the number in attendance at the Sick Parade which followed.

We must report again the passing of some of our members.

J Campbell — at Kenora, Ontario, on 1 August, 1968

Lt J McNair — on 7 April, 1968

J Duncan — on 28 February, 1968

Col RW Potts — at Chilliwack, BC, on 1 July, 1968

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51469	Vaughan JW	Box 1, Matlock, Man.

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H 16405	Allardyce JW	351 Sharpe Boulevard, Winnipeg 12, Man.
	Allan RW	121 Tweedsmuir Street, Flin Flon, Man.
H 16296	Amos DH	Ste. 3, 100F Block, Kenora, Ont.
H 16073	Alix GJ	27-449 Kennedy Street, Winnipeg 1, Man.
H 16094	Amy EJ	477 Queen Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16130	Anderson J	Victoria Beach, Man.
H 16961	Anson, FG	730 Victor Street, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 16479	Antymnuik GJ	Room 12, Occidental Hotel, Winnipeg 2, Man.
U 1613	Baker HE	452 Kildarrock Street, Winnipeg 14, Man.
	Ballingall AT	163 Garfield Street, Winnipeg 10, Man.
	Baril B	Fort Churchill, Man.
H 3515	Baumler E	518 Beresford Avenue, Winnipeg 13, Man.
	Bedford GE	101 Greendell Avenue, Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 9840	Bergman I	2 Pheasant Street, Winnipeg 19, Man.
	Black HW	Stoney Mountain, Man.
	Blais JFB	386 Cabana Place, Winnipeg 6, Man.
47581	Bonar AA	Ste. 21, 1830 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16321	Boychuk T	1091 Sommerville Avenue, Winnipeg 19, Man.
H 18072	Boyko M	167 Riverbend Crescent, Winnipeg 12, Man.
	Bradford CR	87 Edgerton Rd, Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 16118	Brown JE	818 St. Paul Avenue, Winnipeg 10, Man.
H 16762	Bryan F	Ste 30, Beverley Apts., Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 17308	Buchanan AH	200 Saskatchewan Avenue, Portage La Prairie, Man.
H 16769	Burdeiny S	171 Berry Street, Winnipeg 6, Man.
H 16389	Cadle R	443 Whittier Avenue, Winnipeg 25, Man.
P 20619	Cameron W	245 Inglewood Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.

P 22329	Campbell J	211 Amherst Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 17113	Carlson GWC	488 Neuman Avenue, Winnipeg 25, Man.
H 16835	Carson AE	Thornhill, Man.
H 16695	Cassels R	504 Golf Boulevard, Winnipeg 22, Man.
H 16361	Clare WH	969 Fleming Avenue, Winnipeg 15, Man.
H 16485	Clark RG	1658 Alexander Avenue, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 16990	Classen N	117 Greendell Avenue, Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 16995	Cooke WE	Box 641, Sioux Lookout, Ont.
	Corrigan CE	203 Montrose Street, Winnipeg 9, Man.
L 104095	Cosford LL	Box 49, Arborg, Man.
H 17016	Cosgrove JW	217 Oakwood Avenue, Winnipeg 13, Man.
P 20997	Covne D	301 Rutland Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
SH 207275	Creasey ER	978 Hector Avenue, Winnipeg 9, Man.
P 22225	Darby DA	Ste. 1, 530 Tylehurst Street, Winnipeg 10, Man.
SH 62254	Delbridge G	595 Magnus Avenue, Winnipeg 14, Man.
H 16959	Deslaurier D	273 Ingelwood Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16727	Dodd EJ	835 Weatherdon Avenue, Winnipeg 9, Man.
SH 611	Dodd VAG	451 Rita Street, Port Arthur, Ont.
H 16501	Dunlop WE	738 Weatherdon Avenue, Winnipeg 9, Man.
P 20794	Dunn R	Ste. 5, 453 Marion Street, Winnipeg 6, Man.
	Duval G	303 Ridgecrest Avenue, Winnipeg 17, Man.
	Duval J	256 Carson Bay, Winnipeg 22, Man.
H 16133	Edkins RD	Clearwater, Man.
H 17836	Eichle A	Ashern, Man.
M 800029	Erickson K	386 Beverly Street, Winnipeg 10, Man.
H 16047	Fines GA	1995 Alexander Avenue, Winnipeg 3, Man.
P 22315	Forsythe WJ	3053 Gardi Street, Duarte, California, U.S.A.
H 16436	Franco AJ	42 Berwyn Bay, Winnipeg 25, Man.
H 9400	Fraser BA	954 Banning Street, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 16211	Freese HEG	26 Mulberry Close, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, England
H 40650	Freese VM	683 Queenston Street, Winnipeg 9, Man.
H 17101	From E	615 Logan Avenue, Winnipeg 2, Man.
H 17236	Fulton RS	224 Bruce Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 8413	Gabbs W	Hilbre, Man.
	Gaw G	Flin Flon, Man.
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H 16425	Glowachuk R	812 Arlington Street, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 16658	Goodman S	617 Nottingham Street, Winnipeg 15, Man.
H 16343	Grabbins E	17, 101 Eugenie Street, Winnipeg 6, Man.
H 16749	Graham CW	Napinka, Man.
	Graham R	335 Waverly Street, Winnipeg 9, Man.
H 104045	Gray AH	Cromer, Man.
H 16003	Gray FJ	13 - 1794 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.

H 1003	Griffith NG	78 Turner Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
	Hay JA	5 - 1261 Terredonne Drive, Ottawa 5, Ont.
	Hine JM	10 - 410 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg 2, Man.
H 16716	Hinds JA	718 - 2510 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16423	Holden JT	Napinka, Man.
H 16242	Holland T	7 Norham Road, RR 1, Winnipeg, Man.
	Holt FT	36 Beaverbend Crescent, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16675	Hoop W	784 Prince Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg 15, Man.
	Horrocks FD	764 Flora Avenue, Winnipeg 4, Man.
H 2945	Howe GJ	488 Centennial Street, Winnipeg 9, Man.
H 16222	Huff AH	255 Centennial Street, Winnipeg 9, Man.
H 17089	Irvine GE	181 Clonard Ave., Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 16427	Johnson EW	11 - 441 Qu'Appelle Avenue, Winnipeg 2, Man.
	Jory WW	506 Penningham Avenue, Winnipeg 14, Man.
H 16664	Joss J	312 Truro Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16082	Keenie P	1369 Winnipeg Avenue, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 16421	Keep R	501 Craig Street, Winnipeg 10, Man.
H 16137	Kenny DL	Carson, Man.
SK 16727	King AJ	288 Langside Street, Winnipeg 1, Man.
H 16295	King JT	776 Spruce Street, Winnipeg 10, Man.
H 16146	Knowles JM	514 Walker Avenue, Winnipeg 13, Man.
H 16776	Kraemar L	Netley Lake, Man.
H 16273	Kukura M	Box 262, Russell, Man.
H 16528	Lamsdale A	594 Martin Avenue, Winnipeg 5, Man.
H 40533	Larmon S	1203 Charter House, 435 Michigan Street, Vancouver, B.C.
	LeClerc T	1034 Mountain Avenue, Winnipeg 14, Man.
H 16139	LeGuee GH	Box 256, Pinawa, Man.
H 17193	Leonard P	Box 237, Minnedosa, Man.
	Lisdall ES	120 - 15th Street, Brandon, Man.
H 16489	Longmuir WG	130 Glendale Crescent, Fort William, Ont.
H 17000	Lyndon RD	91 Wildwood Park, Winnipeg, Man.
H 16480	Mablesen R	Box 107, Red Rock, Ont.
H 17699	MacDonald HA	Box 237, McGregor, Man.
P 22299	MacDougall IA	1656 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg 4, Man.
H 17336	McKenzie J	1450 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 3014	MacKenzie R	26 - 508 Sherbrooke Street, Winnipeg 2, Man.
SH 19011	Macklin JW	828 Burnell Street, Winnipeg 3, Man.
SH 62221	Madigan E	114 Dorothy Street, Port Arthur, Ont.
H 16494	Martindale LC	64 Beaverbend Crescent, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16326	Martinson H	11 - 85 Young Street, Winnipeg 2, Man.
H 16020	Martinson JC	Box 299, Stonewall, Man.
H 16538	Martz C	1061 Redwood Avenue, Winnipeg 4, Man.

H 103560	Mitchell MO	10 Vincent Massey Boulevard, Winnipeg 6, Man.
H 16923	Miller G	776 Talbot Avenue, Winnipeg 5, Man.
SK 8348	Morehouse WD	396 Ambrose Street, Port Arthur, Ont.
H 16760	Moore JH	164 Bank Avenue, Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 17627	Moreau GE	119 Sherbrooke Street, Winnipeg 1, Man.
P 22273	Morrison DE	201 King Edward Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
K 85355	Murray C	33 St. Vital Road, Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 16515	McBride F	16 - 203 Woodlawn Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 1631	McKinnie J	280 Hampton Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
P 22305	McGowan NLG	Ste. E, 258 St. Annes Road, Winnipeg 8, Man.
	McCulloch WC	3 - 675 Sargent Avenue, Winnipeg 3, Man.
P 22339	McDonald HE	864 Kildonan Drive, Winnipeg 17, Man.
	McGregor WL	258 Baltimore Road, Winnipeg 13, Man.
H 16693	McKay RM	217 - 2440 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16083	McKay SL	49 Fletcher Crescent, Winnipeg 19, Man.
	McKinnon R	693 Mountain Avenue, Winnipeg 4, Man.
H 16645	McLaughlin MJ	Riding Mountain, Man.
	McMullin J	470 Radford Street, Winnipeg 14, Man.
H 16344	Northwood K	
	Nowell F	290 Ferry Road, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 1691	Noytten V	44 Lochmoor Street, Winnipeg 6, Man.
H 16593	Owens EJ	720 Cordova Street, Winnipeg 9, Man.
H 16016	Parmeter GW	RR 1, Kenora, Ont.
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P 22151	Powell CE	120 Adelaide Street, Winnipeg, Man.
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H 16747	Pritchett E	Stoney Mountain, Man.
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H 16365	Ragot E	341 Talbot Avenue, Winnipeg 5, Man.
H 16683	Rarie J	1240 Dunrobin Avenue, Winnipeg 15, Man.
H 16329	Raynbird C	713 Ravelston Avenue, Winnipeg 25, Man.
H 100133	Recknell WS	808 Silverstone Drive, Winnipeg 19, Man.
H 16706	Reekie A	61 Cunningham Avenue, Winnipeg 8, Man.
H 17185	Reilly	RR 2, Neepawa, Man.
H 17188	Reilly W	131 Parkview Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
	Reynolds C	260 Madison Street, Winnipeg 12, Man.
H 16169	Rheault JT	Minaki, Ont.
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P 22289	Robinson AC	728 Pasadena Avenue, Winnipeg, Man.
H 16390	Robinson DE	816 Autumnwood Drive, Winnipeg 6, Man.

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H 16684	Rogal VA	131 Tweedsmuir Street, Flin Flon, Man.
H 16260	Rosger CE	640 Muriel Street, Winnipeg 22, Man.
	Roy F	Flin Flon, Man.
H 16123	Saniuk W	488 St. Anthony Street, Winnipeg 17, Man.
H 200010	Scanlen AC	686 Beaverbrook Street, Winnipeg, Man.
H 100335	Scarlett R	A6 - 330 Blake Street, Winnipeg 3, Man.
H 16110	Schaen A	597 Mark Pearce Place, Winnipeg 16, Man.
H 16764	Schmied J	Box 51, Churchill, Man.
P 22072	Scrutton E	720 Consol Avenue, Winnipeg 15, Man.
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OTTAWA BRANCH

A few members of the Regiment arrived back in the Ottawa area before the war had ended in 1918. This group was the nucleus of the Ottawa Branch of the Regimental Association. Our records indicate that their first meeting was in the Fall of 1918, to discuss the possibility of having a "Reunion" when the Regiment returned home. We are pleased to report that the same spirit of

comeraderie is still flourishing as we cross the half-century dateline. We are financially barely solvent (according to an amateur auditor), but endowed with a great wealth of memories, friendships and lively interest in Regimental affairs.

The following events are recorded in our 1968 calendar.

An informal luncheon was held in early April. Although no specific reason is ever required to get members together, we were delighted to commemorate Colonel S Hill's 89th birthday on this occasion.

Our Annual Banquet was held at the Board of Trade on May 8th. Our guest speaker was Red O'Quinn, the General Manager of the Ottawa Roughriders Football Team. He said that he was most impressed with the "champions" who came out of Lansdowne Park in 1914, and he promised that another kind of championship would come to Lansdowne Park in 1968. We were pleased to note that this prophecy came true when the Grey Cup came to Ottawa.

Our outstanding event during the 1968 activities was the Annual Meeting of the Regimental Association. We were honoured to be selected as the Host Branch for this memorable event. General Allard graciously consented to dine with us and he thoroughly enjoyed his visit with his comrades-in-arms from the Italian and Korean campaigns.

From all accounts which we have received, the weekend of 14-15 September was an unqualified success. The mood of happiness was contagious, the moments of remembrance were respectful, the anecdotes were attractively embellished and on a few occasions the cause of temperance suffered a noticeable set-back.

Following the Annual Meeting, appropriate regimental plaques were presented on the Association's behalf, by Major WK Stirling, to Officers' Messes at No. 9 Transport (RCASC) and the Governor-General's Foot Guards. These crested plaques are displayed prominently in each Mess at the present time. Bill Dawson presented to the Branch an attractive montage of pictures which were taken during the weekend of 14-15 September. A similar framed one was presented to General Allard by our Branch President, Colonel JR Stone.

A special committee was appointed by the Branch to attempt to increase the membership during our fiftieth year of operations. The members unanimously agreed to present all our World War I veterans with a "paid-up" Life Membership in our Branch.

Our Fall "Smoker" was attended by the usual stalwarts. It was a very enjoyable evening and a fitting finale for 1968 activities.

We hereby report to all Patriciadom that we are fifty years old and going strong.

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MONTREAL BRANCH

It's been a quiet year in Montreal from the standpoint of meetings held by the branch. Only one took place, March 21, 1968, but individual members have been kept busy with the stream of visitors which is a feature of Montreal life. The abolition of COTC contingents raised fears that we might lose our old home in the McGill mess. The university had other plans for it. However, a very loud protest spearheaded by Patricia's has brought a reprieve and it will remain almost intact.

Our last formal meeting, mentioned above, brought a familiar and beloved visitor, George Barclay. He will be remembered gratefully by every one of us. At the same time we said "au revoir" but not "goodbye" to Glenn Bannerman who during his residence in Montreal, whilst working on Expo '67, has been a tower

of strength and a constant attendant. Some of us also welcomed “Dougie” MacDougald on a visit from his home in Dorset, England.

Of course, it can almost be said that we had a second meeting of the branch when a large delegation travelled to Ottawa in September to take part in the Annual Meeting of the National Association. This inspired departure from the custom of holding a short, and often very rushed session at the annual “Trooping” at Regimental HQ was largely due to George Barclay’s agitation to have it in the East for a change. From Montreal we had, among others, Jimmy de Lalanne, Roy Stevens, Clarence Le Lievre, Dennis Jotcham, Gordon Glassco, Bill Perry, JDW Boulanger (from Quebec), Sidney Bruneau, Tom Christian, Clarence Picher, Stuart Cobbett, Don McCulloch, Bill Stirling Sr, and Rowan Coleman.

As always, we have been delighted to see serving Patricias from the Canadian Forces Base across the river. Col George Brown’s departure was deeply regretted, as was that of Major Al Wagstaffe. However, we still have a large, important and hospitable group who have included us in their regimental occasions. Their names are attached to our most recent address list.

Our next meeting will be at McGill on the evening of Thursday, May 8. It would be wonderful to see some of you from other branches. In the meantime, greetings to you all.

We regret to record the deaths of two outstanding and devoted Patricias:
W Baxter Keith — at Montreal, September, 1968
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UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

We are now able to look back on 1968 and record the events of the year which has passed.

On the 8th of May, Frezenberg Day, our members met at The Victory Club, Marble Arch, London. A short annual general meeting was held, presided over by our President, LCol DH Rosser.

This was followed by the Annual Reunion Lunch enjoyed by the twelve members present. Some of our wives came along to keep us in order. At this lunch we were able to welcome for the first time Joseph Neller, who was 87 years old the previous day. We did not know of Joe's existence until recently. I wonder how many more there are we never hear about. Present also were Paddy O'Connell and Eric Micheltmore. These two and Joe Neller were all with PPCLI 53 years ago. It was grand to have them with us. Another 87 year old



On the 8th of May, 1968 these 'originals' sat down to dine together for the first time since they were separated on the battlefields in 1915. From the left Sgt HF "Paddy" O'Connell, 875, TOS Nov 1914, wounded 8 May 1915, SOS 12 May 1915; J Neller, 51364, TOS Mar 1915, SOS Mar 1919; E Micheltmore, 1507, TOS Aug 1914, SOS Aug 1915 to become a Lieutenant in the 8th Battalion

PF Young, who was with us, left a few days later for a trip to Canada. You just can't keep these young fellows at home.

On the 11th of November, Armistice Day, three members of our Branch, RE Wootton, Major Holloway, MC, MM, (he led a patrol of 49th Battalion into Mons on November 9th, 1918) and P Boxall, attended the 50th Anniversary Armistice Ceremonies at Mons. RE Wootton and P Boxall visited Ypres en route and on November 8th visited St Georges Memorial Church, Sanctuary Wood, and Frezenberg. The Maple at the Memorial had of course lost its leaves, but is growing well. The new directional signs to Frezenberg are very helpful.

After attending the "Last Post" ceremony at the Menin Gate, they were entertained by Mr and Mrs Verstraett at their home in Ypres. Mr Verstraett is the Burgermeister of Ypres. He was made an Honourary Life Member of our Association at the Annual Meeting in Ottawa on the 14th of October, 1968.

Next day they journeyed on to Mons and met members of the official Canadian party which included Howard Ferguson, PPCLI Ottawa, and Jack Blewett of the 49th Battalion. On November 10th they attended Ceremonies with the official party at Le Casteau about 5 miles from Mons.

On Monday, November 11th, they were joined by Major Holloway, and marched into the centre of Mons with the official party, led by 2 PPCLI Corps of Drums, to take part in the Mons celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Armistice of 1918. It is perhaps worthy to note that these three 49ers, all members of the UK Branch of PPCLI Association, were to the best of our knowledge, the only 1914-18 Canadian Veterans present from the United Kingdom on this historic occasion. So passed the 50th Anniversary of the end of the "Great War".

We welcome 877 Sid Jennings and Peter McLennan, late of Victoria, BC to our Branch. This brings our membership to 23. Best wishes from the United Kingdom Branch to all members of PPCLI Association.

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LCol Hugh W. Niven, DSO, MC

LCol Niven was commissioned prior to the First World War in the Middlesex Light Infantry of the Canadian Active Militia. He joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in August 1914.

During the early months in Europe he was the transport officer and because of his efforts the Battalion transport was the "best in the Brigade". He was mentioned in dispatches following the Battle of the Somme on 19 20 March, 1915. He was appointed acting Adjutant on 9 April, 1915 and subsequently Adjutant. During the Battle of Bellawarde Ridge 8 May, 1915, subsequently commemorated as the Battle of Frezenberg, command of the Battalion fell to Lt Niven. When the Regiment was relieved on the morning of the 9th, Lt Niven commanded the remnants of the originals, consisting of, in addition to himself, 3 officers and 150 men.

A fitting tribute to the Regiment, and to the memory of LCol Niven, can be found in "Canada in Flanders" by Max Aitken who, in his account of the battle wrote; "Beside the open graves, with heads uncovered, all that was left of the Battalion, stood, while Lieut Niven, holding the Colour of the PPCLI, battered, bloody, but still intact, recalled all that he could remember of the Service for the Dead."

For his part in the Battle of Frezenberg, Lt Niven was awarded the Military Cross.

He continued to command the Battalion until the arrival of LCol RT Pelly on 14 May, 1915.

On June 2nd, 1916, Capt. Niven, Company Commander, took part in the Battle of Sanctuary Wood. Although wounded and with no Company officers left he continued to 'fight his company'. When relieved, he reported to a dressing station, and with his wound dressed, set off to rejoin his company and was immediately wounded again. For his part in the battle of Sanctuary Wood he was again decorated, this time with the Distinguished Service Order.

Major Niven became Second in Command during the first part of September 1917. Subsequent to the Battle of Passchendaele, Oct 29/30, 1917, he was awarded a bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

On the Regiment's return to Ottawa in March of 1919, and its subsequent reorganization, Major Niven was accepted as a Major in the Permanent Force.

The Regimental History records very little of LCol Niven's tour as Commanding Officer of the Regiment from the 20th of January, 1932 to the 15th of February, 1937. There is no doubt that he made his presence felt and in no small way advanced the traditions of what he fondly termed 'his regiment'.

Since he retired in 1937, he has resided in Glasgow, Scotland, where he passed away on the 3rd of February, 1969, at the age of 93.

Many men have experienced the honour and privilege of knowing LCol HW Niven, DSO, MC, and none will forget his love and unflagging dedication to his Patricias. He was continuously, up to the time of his death, an unlimited source of "Regimental History". One of those who served the PPCLI has said of him; "Hughie Niven was a "Patricia" from the day he joined the Regiment till the day he died, a wonderful soldier, friend and comrade, respected and loved by all who served with him, what more can be said of any man".

Editor's Note: The two following letters were among the last letters received from LCol HW Niven, DSO, MC, before he passed away on the 3rd of February, 1969. They are examples of many hundreds of letters he has written over the years, each one elaborating another facet of our Regimental History. Col Niven's letters are a source of information and interest shared by many recipients the world over. He carried on a lively correspondence with many Patricias and ex-Patricias right up to just before his death.

Commanding Officer
PPCLI
Hamilton Gault Barracks
Edmonton, Alberta

May 4th, 1968

Dear Sir:

Your cable of greetings arrived today to remind us of our love of the Regiment's great days in the Ypres salient.

It was a great day that the Regiment saved the British Army from losing the City of Ypres that meant so much to the British Forces at that time and all the Commanders from Lord French down wrote us grand words of praise for the achievement.

The Regiment had moved back from Polygone Wood to a position with most inadequate (three foot deep trenches) but the intense gun fire soon made what trenches there were useless (the trenches were in sand along a road, lined with trees to give the German Army good target).

We used our rifles (while alive) to good advantage but ran short of rifle ammunition and I had to employ men to go across the front to get ammunition from Rifle Brigade trenches on our right as they had been forced to retire behind the Lake, 400 yards from our line. Sgt Dean the quartermaster, did the ammunition job (I can still see him with a box of ammunition on his shoulder coming across the front to our line, several times he made the trip, as if there was no war on).

The rapid fire of what were left of our men was something to be very proud of and the Germans suffered so much that what was left of them retreated in quick time, and called for more artillery fire as it was madness to attempt to advance against the rapid fire from our line.

Our machine guns were buried four times by shell fire, dug out and ready for next attempted advance, Lt Clark I saw in charge of one machine gun and he was there when I took our relief at dark.

We had a couple of hundred left after we buried our dead in the trenches and I led them back to Ypres in the darkness some four or five miles to the ramparts of Ypres.

As a Lieutenant I had the job of writing by hand (no typewriter in those days) to all the families who had lost sons and husbands, I did not get much sleep for a week and perhaps neglected doing other jobs such as recommending worthy soldiers for decorations, etc. All senior Officers were wounded and away.

It was ten days later that Major Pelly rejoined us and took over Command from me. Was I glad to see him is putting it mildly—there were so many things I should have done—Shell fire, and rifle fire made no impression on me at all and in those days I could write copy plate writing at good speed and my messages book of May 8th was taken from me by the Brigadier to be saved, I never heard what happened to it.

Now see in those days the Adjutants weight of paper and files were restricted to 40 pounds as all had to be carried in a horse drawn vehicle and everything was weighted to a pound. An Officers bed roll was limited to 40 pounds, all his extra clothing, with an extra tunic, etc., etc., was put on a scale and I saw that the horses were not overweighted to drag around swamped roads, and it rained every day.

Please excuse paper (still watch the weight).

It was grand of you to remember me after 53 years.

I regret that after my wounds they have caught up with me and I can't get around now.

To every one of you I send greetings.

Yours very sincerely,

HW Niven

PS I have been rather hasty over this letter, but there an odd thing has happened to me, in that May 8th, I can remember all details of that day after over 50 years and forget things of last week.

I hope I have not bored you with this long remittance.

Major WHJ Stutt CD

Editor: The Patrician Regimental Journal
Hamilton Gault Barracks

Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Major Stutt:

I wish to compliment you on the content of Vol XX of the Journal, at my age 92 all reports in the journal are of special interest to me who served from 1914 to 1936 in the Regiment and knew all the Officers and men who won great fame during the first World War.

I am trying to remember if more than a passing memory of one of our Officers Talbot Papineau has appeared in the Journal.

He was a great Officer and brought great credit to the Regiment.

He was an Oxford graduate and a very great **Orator**.

On the day of his joining, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught gave a special Mess Dinner to the Regiment, Talbot had just joined that day and had not got a uniform so was dressed in dinner jacket.

After the HRH had made a speech welcoming us all, Colonel Farquhar replied and Major Hamilton Gault paid a few well chosen words and it went right around the table. Papineau in dinner jacket was most reluctant to get on his feet, but his neighbors hoisted him up.

All the Officers had thanked HRH for the bountious dinner and sat down.

Talbot hesitated and then started a flow of oratory about HRH, about what the Regiment would do to bring credit to Canada, and become World Famous.

HRH got up from his chair and walked to the bottom of the Table, hoisted Talbot on to his feet and said "I have served all over the World and you are the first Officer I have ever met who could get on his feet and express himself properly, I predict a great future for you".

Talbot was posted to No 3 Company, Charlie Stewart was there and Agar Adamson.

Well after I became Adjutant, Talbot used to bring me sheets of foolscap with schemes to win the war, but the Colonel Buller picked too many holes, and the scheme was **out**. Papineau was a very good Officer, worked hard and full of ideas, he was under two senior officers who did not give him much chance.

The Canadian Corps came under an MFH General who had been MFH and his ADC had won the great Grand National both great horsemen wanted an ADC and we submitted Papineau who had never been on a horse in his life.

To start with Talbot and the horses did not get on well, but the first Mess Night he made a speech and all was well "Great Officer".

Talbot came back to the Regiment and took command of his Company.

Talbot was in Command of No 3 Company at Passchendaele and saw me before 3 Company started the attack, he said it was suicide and I had to say PPCLI have orders to attack, but poor Talbot while leading the attack was killed. I saw his body as I went forward to the crest of the hill to Machele pill box.

Now I am going to say something I truly believe. Had Papineau not been killed at Passchendaele he would have been **Prime Minister of Canada**. There is no doubt in my mind.

Yours sincerely,
HW Niven

Captain Robert George Barclay

487394

On the 6th of January, 1969, Mr RG Barclay passed away at his home in Toronto, Ontario.

George was a pillar of strength for many years in the PPCLI Association and will be sadly missed.

He was born in 1895 at Whitby, Ontario where his father, a lawyer, was County Clerk. In 1913 the family moved to Edmonton where George studied as an accountant. In 1915 he enlisted in the Fifth University Company and joined the Regiment in the field on the 16th of September, 1916, following the battle of Courcellette. In the following year he was nominated for a commission, trained and rejoined the Regiment as a Lieutenant in November, 1917. He was wounded during the Drocourt—Queant operations in August, 1918. He returned to Canada with the Regiment and was struck off strength on the 20th of March, 1919.

Following demobilization he joined the Federal service with the Soldier's Settlement Board. In 1921 he married Sarah Richmond Stoval, a niece of Sir William MacKenzie. He rose steadily in the service and during the Second World War was loaned to the British Purchasing Commission. Following the war he was entrusted with the organization of the Unemployment Insurance Department of the Dominion Government. He retired in 1956.

George was indefatigable in whatever services the Regimental Association required of him. He participated in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's major production "In Flanders Fields". At the time of his death he was at work on a biography of Maj Talbot Papineau, an original officer of the Regiment who was killed at Passchendaele in October, 1917.

George is survived by his wife, sons Robert and Captain John Barclay and daughters Mrs R Bolley and Mrs E Gray.

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*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

1048	Adams JL	in Jan 1968, at Victoria
445491	Allingham F	on 21 Dec 1968, TOS 18 Sep 1916, SOS 21 Dec 1918
487394	Barclay RG	in Toronto 7 Jan 1969, TOS 16 Sep 1916, SOS 20 Mar 1919
H 16314	Barr HL	on 5 Apr 1968, TOS 4 Oct 1939, SOS 5 Mar 1945
	Baxter KW	in Sep 1968, at Montreal
	Boyes EAE	on 18 Jun 1968, TOS 25 Jan 1945, SOS 31 Aug 1945
3518	Brown GR	at Winnipeg 24 Jul 1968
P 20658	Butler GWHF	at Kelowna 26 Aug 1968, TOS 1 Sep 1939, SOS 25 Sep 1939
K 71519	Caldwell WC	in Jan 1968
411070	Cameron J	on 12 Feb 1968, at Victoria
	Campbell J	at Kenora 1 Aug 1968
411044	Crute E	on 31 Oct 1968, TOS 28 Jul 1915, SOS 20 Mar 1919
H 16767	Duncan J	on 28 Feb 1968, TOS 22 May 1940, SOS 4 May 1945
431483536	Farmer AB	with 1 PPCLI in Calgary, 22 Jan 1969
	Gray P	on 26 May 1968
P 21079	Gibson WJ	at Calgary 3 Mar 1969
ZM 13039	Gieser GR	with 2 PPCLI in Germany, 15 Jun 1968
H 16303	Houston MS	on 14 Sep 1968, TOS 29 Sep 1939, SOS 19 Jul 1941
51025	Jones HJ	at Vancouver 28 Apr 1968, TOS 1 Mar 1915, SOS 13 May 1915
	Kazuk F	at Winnipeg 8 Feb 1968
51	Lang AW	in Vancouver 6 Sep 1968, TOS Aug 1914, SOS 11 Mar 1915
475918	LeLievre C	on 8 Feb 1969, TOS 6 Dec 1915, SOS 10 Dec 1917
475916	Lee HTI	at Toronto 31 Dec 1968, TOS 17 Feb 1916, SOS 2 Oct 1918
475923	Lovegrove W	at Victoria 27 Jul 1968, TOS 18 Feb 1916, SOS 22 Oct 1916
SM 109226	McBride JF	on 18 Sep 1968
M 16861	McCrea JE	on 2 Dec 1968
	McGowan N	at Winnipeg 7 Sep 1968
	McNair J	on 7 Apr 1968
343907	Mackey WS	on 6 Jun 1968, TOS 6 Aug 1917, SOS 2 Dec 1917
SH 205833	Morey JA	on 1 Jun 1968
475470	Mosher JI	on 29 Dec 1968
513695	Mulock HM	at Toronto 18 Jan 1969, TOS 6 Aug 1917, SOS 17 Nov 1917

411118	Nickle W M	on 9 Dec 1968
	Niven HW	at Glasgow 3 Feb 1969, TOS Aug 1914, SOS 15 Feb 1937
	Normington S	in Dec 1968, at Victoria
	Perrett EP	at Nanaimo 19 Dec 1968
	Potts RW	at Chilliwack 1 Jul 1968 27 Nov 1942, SOS 8 Jun 1945
1299	Pritchard T	on 17 Jul 1968, TOS Aug 1914, SOS 20 Aug 1915
H 16419	Saunders WG	on 8 Mar 1968, TOS 25 Nov 1939, SOS 22 Feb 1944
	Spencer CF	on 1 Sep 1968
M 106701	Stinson H	on 19 Dec 1967, TOS 31 Dec 1943, SOS 31 May 1944
624	Stirling D	on 17 Feb 1969, at Victoria
P 20847	Sumner RH	at Winnipeg 11 Oct 1968, TOS 1 Sep 1939, SOS 15 Nov 1939
770075	Thomson SM	on 30 Sep 1968, TOS 1 Jan 1917, SOS 20 Mar 1919
H 16647	Wallace JG	on 30 Sep 1968, TOS 22 May 1940, SOS 26 Sep 1943
H 17244	Walters JW	on 22 Mar 1968
22366	Weatherup WR	at Toronto 19 May 1968
H 17574	Whyte RM	at Dauphin 19 May 1968
145762	Young JH	on 17 Aug 1968, TOS 18 Mar 1918, SOS 7 Feb 1919

The name to remember . . .

SAFEWAY



Location List

GENERAL LIST

BGen CDA Hamilton, MBE, CD	Nigeria
BGen SC Waters, CD	HQ Mobile Comd
Col GG Brown, CD	CASC Kingston
Col T deFaye, MBE, CD	HQ East Ont Area
Col EMK MacGregor, MC CD	HQ Mobile Comd
Col VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC CD	HQ 1 Cbt Gp

LIEUTENANT COLONELS

LW Basham, CD	CFHQ
OR Browne, CD	Inf Trg Bn HQ Edm
RF Bruce, MBE, CD	TCHQ
REM Cross, CD	CFHQ
GA Gunton, CD	HQ Trg Comd
RJ Kerfoot, CD	CFB Winnipeg
H Moncrief, CD	SO Liaison CDLS/W Washington
RS Peacock, CD	2 PPCLI
AM Potts, CD	1 PPCLI
AV Robbins, CD	SSO Trg Ont Region, Oakville
PO Stayner, CD	Sask Dist
WBS Sutherland, CD	CFHQ
EJ Williams, CD	SLO Int London, Eng

MAJORS

GE Anderson, CD	HQ Sask Dist (Plan Ops)
D Ardelain, CD	2 PPCLI
JPRE Beauregard, MBE, CD	CFSC Toronto
RD Bell	CAFATT Tanzania
FL Berry, CD	CFB Petawawa
AP Bull, CD	HQ Atlantic Region
AG Caesar, CD	CJATC
RW Cavett, CD	CFHQ
AG Christie, CD	2 PPCLI (RHC)
AH Constant, CD	Retired Feb 69
GK Corbould	1 PPCLI
DT Cottingham, CD	CFHQ
RL Dallison	CFHQ
W Dechant, CD	CFHQ
AJGD deChastelain	HQ 1 Cbt Gp
MC Edwards, CD	Retired Feb 69
KR Foster, CD	1 PPCLI
AL Gale, CD	UNMOGIP
LJ Gollner, CD	CLFSC
CE Goodman, CD	HQ Mobile Comd
RH Graham, CD	CFRC Edmonton
WE Hall, CD	UNTSO Palestine
AGW Harbord-Harbord, CD	CFHQ
DR Harrison, CD	Retired Nov 68
GE Henderson, CD	E Ont Dist I Staff
CW Hewson	HQ Mobile Comd
JE Hodge, CD	Retired 8 Jun 68

GA Holmes, CD	CFHQ
WL Howard, CD	RMC Kingston
GD Hunt	HQ Mobile Comd
WEJ Hutchinson, CD	HQ 4 CMBG
CAH Kemsley, CD	HQ AFCENT
MG Levy, CD	Comd & Staff Quantico, VA
WT Love, CD	2 PPCLI
PA Maione, CD	2 PPCLI
JH Meisner, CD	CFHQ
RM Middleton, CD	CDLS London
JGW Mills, MC, CD	Retired 1 Aug 68
BM Munro, CD	Inf Trg Bn Edm
RM MacIntosh	2 PPCLI
DG MacLeod	CFHQ
JGC McKinlay, MC, CD	HQ BC Dist
AJRH Neadow	HQ Mobile Comd
JJB Pariseau, CD	CFHQ
CM Pyne, CD	HQ Pacific Region
PM Pyne, CD	Retired 10 Nov 68
JM Reid, CD	1 PPCLI
DS Robertson, CD	UNMOG India-Pakistan
DI Ross	1 PPCLI
ER Sharpe, CD	Retired 17 Feb 69
CB Snider, MC, CD	HQ Mobile Comd
JD Snowball, CD	1 PPCLI
MC Stewart, CD	CAFTT Ghana
RI Stewart	2 PPCLI
WK Stirling, CD	CFHQ
WHJ Stutt, CD	Retired 22 Nov 68
LA Swick, CD	CFHQ
AL Topham, CD	Retired 21 May 68
AS Wagstaff, CD	UNMOG India-Pakistan
DG Wallace	Retired 5 Aug 68
RG Wilkes, CD	1 PPCLI
TD Winfield	1 CDO Valcartier

CAPTAINS

DH Action, CD	CFB Borden
RH Appleton, MM, CD	Cent Ont Dist I Staff
T Berger, CD	CFHQ
M Bewick	CFHQ
HS Bloom	1 PPCLI
WF Boll	CJATC
RC Beggs	1 PPCLI
JS Bremner	2 PPCLI
DB Brodie	2 PPCLI
RRF Burns	HQ 1 Cbt Gp
BJ Brister	APTC Borden
DJ Campbell	Combat Arms School
EM Canfield, CD	Inf Trg Bn HQ Borden
DM Carpenter	1 PPCLI
F Carriere, CD	CFRC Vancouver

TL Clarke	Can Armament Design & Experimental Est
RJ Cohen	2 PPCLI
VD Cole, MM, CD	1 PPCLI
PW Collins, CD	2 PPCLI
JC Coutts, CD	HQ BC Dist
W Davis, CD	BC Dist I Staff
DC Denison, CD	CFPSU Halifax
AGS Ferguson, CD	2 PPCLI
EC Franklin	1 PPCLI
RD Gillan	429 TAC Sqn Edmn
RJ Gillis, CD	CFB Kingston
DG Glover	Combat Arms School
WE Griesbach, CD	CFB Edmonton
LF Grimes, CD	Retired 2 Jul 68
LE Grimshaw	3 Bn Royal Green Jackets
GN Hyde, CD	CFB Borden
WH Jans	Retired 8 Apr 68
RG Johnson	2 PPCLI
DC Jones, CD	Combat Arms School
CH Jurek	2 PPCLI
JJ Kasanda	CFHQ
JSH Kempling	RMC Kingston
DM Langley, CD	Retired 22 Aug 68
JW Leach	CFB Chilliwack
DM Lewis	2 PPCLI
KD Lidgren, CD	2 PPCLI
W Ligget	1 PPCLI (QOR of C)
CH Lock, CD	CFB Toronto
JT Magee, CD	2 PPCLI
RL Mathews	HQ Alta Dist (Cadets)
EH Morris, CD	CFHQ
RB Muir, CD	CFB Petawawa—Retired Nov 69
KK Murata	CFHQ
M MacKnie	1 PPCLI
JR MacLean, CD	BC Dist I Staff
WH MacMillan	2 CDO Edm
RW MacPherson	2 PPCLI
HB McGregor	CFSC Toronto
FR McGuire, CD	CFHQ
JP McManus	2 CDO Edm
MH McMurray	2 CDO Edm
GC Naylor	CFB Esquimalt
KA Nette	2 PPCLI
AB Paxton	Combat Arms School
CA Petrie, CD	CFHQ
WAJ Plouffe	2 PPCLI
HNP Quick, CD	RCEME School
GM Reay	2 PPCLI
GJK Reynolds	1 PPCLI
VP Rithaler, CD	CFB Vancouver
RJ Robinson	1 PPCLI
PA Robison, CD	2 PPCLI

DIT Roe, CD	UNSTO Palestine
RA Rogers	CJATC
PA Ronksley	1 PPCLI
E Ross, CD	CFHQ
AJ Rudd, CD	Combat Arms School
CL Scot Brown, CD	HQ Atlantic Region
EP Shaw, CD	Retired
CC Smith	CJATC
MW Smith	CMR St Jean
RB Stock	Retired 31 May 68
AV Stoppa, CD	HQ Sask Dist
J Stutt, CD	BC Dist I Staff
LW Swift, CD	HQ BC Dist
I Vatter	Inf Trg Bn HQ Winnipeg
GG Vickers, C D	Man Dist I Staff
PE Vik	Inf Trg Bn HQ Edm
RAW Warren	2 PPCLI
H Wray, CD	CFRC Vancouver
DR Yeomans, CD	HQ Pacific Region

LIEUTENANTS

AW Anderson	1 PPCLI
KD Arril	2 PPCLI
LWJ Bailey	1 PPCLI (QOR of C)
HE Baxter	1 PPCLI
M Beztily	2 CDO Edm
DG Bird	2 CDO Edm
CP Dillon	2 PPCLI (QOR of C)
MD Dyck	2 PPCLI
JRD Falconer	Man Dist I Staff
AJ Flaman	1 PPCLI
EW French	2 PPCLI (QOR of C)
BA Grace	1 PPCLI
IH Gray	1 PPCLI
RJ Guterson	1 PPCLI
M Housken	1 PPCLI
PS Jarvis	1 PPCLI
HT Kranenburg	1 PPCLI
HD Krystia	2 CDO Edm
JM Lapeyre	2 CDO Edm
GB Lilly	CFB Calgary
JT McCarthy	2 PPCLI
WN McKerracher, CD	Alta Dist I Staff
DJ MacLean	2 PPCLI
RA Parker	1 PPCLI
RG Pelley	1 PPCLI
DA Pippolo	2 PPCLI
KA Quinn	Retired 15 May 68
M Ray	1 PPCLI
GW Schapansky	1 PPCLI
LP Siwik	Combat Arms School
H Steingart	2 PPCLI
WJH Stutt	2 CDO Edm

RJ Taylor	2 PPCLI (QOR of C)
RD Tetz	1 PPCLI
FW Thornton	1 PPCLI (QOR of C)
JR Williams	1 PPCLI
JG Williamson	2 PPCLI

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS

JG Austin, MC, CD	CFB Halifax
RG Buxton, DCM, CD	Regt HQ Cdn Airborne Edm
A Danyleyko, CD	Combat Arms School
FS Dodd, CD	1 PPCLI
RJ King, CD	Inf Trg Bn HQ Edm
EJ McMahon	Released 18 Apr 68
CD Spiers, CD	CFHQ
JE Stone, CD	2 PPCLI

MASTER WARRANT OFFICERS

Cain JMA, CD	CFHQ
Carlson NB, CD	1 PPCLI
Chatry HS, CD	1 PPCLI
Crawford J, CD	1 PPCLI
Elliott BEM, CD	2 PPCLI
Folster GA, CD	Alta Dist I Staff
Franklin BAJ, CD	1 PPCLI
Grasley LW, CD	1 PPCLI
Hansen CE, CD	1 PPCLI
Holligan B, GM, CD	HQ Pacific Region
Hood JE, CD	2 PPCLI
Johnston HA, CD	2 PPCLI
Klokeid JF, CD	BC Regional HQ
Lekivetz RM, CD	CFB Edm
Myhre WE, CD	7 CFMSU
Parker RL	CFHQ
Pearson DW, CD	HQ Prairie Region Wpg
Richardson JH, DCM, CD	2 PPCLI
Rogers GV, CD	CJATC
Shine RC, CD	2 PPCLI
Spurrier DG, CD	Released
Stewart KJC, CD	HQ Pacific Region Vancouver
Tredwell RF, CD	HQ 4 CMBG
Tutte KG, DEM, CD	BC MD I Staff (M)
Tuttle LA, CD	1 PPCLI
White LA, CD	1 AB Svc Coy Edm

WARRANT OFFICERS

Buchan WA, CD	1 PPCLI
Buxton FH, CD	1 PPCLI
Clarke A, CD	HQ Sask Dist
Clark M	Sask Dist I Staff
Clouthier LL, CD	2 PPCLI
Couture G, CD	HQ Alta District
Davies WE, CD	2 PPCLI
Debney GS, CD	2 PPCLI
Defaye GR	HQ Pacific Region
Erfurt A, CD	1 PPCLI

Ferguson JCW, CD	Alta MDI Staff (M)
Goddard DH, CD	Central Ont Dist Log & Adm Staff
Holden L, CD	2 PPCLI
Kliewer KH, CD	1 PPCLI
Larkin WW, CD	2 CDO Edm
Lochrie JM, CD	1 PPCLI
Morrison LG, CD	1 PPCLI
Murray JW	1 PPCLI
Osborn DL	2 PPCLI
Pennell DM, CD	Combat Arms School
Penner JR, CD	Alta Dist Log & Adm Staff
Poucher JW, CD	HQ Pacific Region
Preece DJ, CD	2 PPCLI
Rockburne TE, CD	HQ Prairie Region
Rutherford PM, CD	1 PPCLI
Schoop GE, CD	East Ont MD Log & Adm Staff (M)
Shinn JH, CD	Alta MD Log & Adm Staff (M)
Slade LH, CD	Combat Arms School
Tinney D	Trial & Evaluation Estb Ottawa
Udell FJ	2 PPCLI
Vallance JF, CD	CSC Royal Roads
Webb A, CD	1 PPCLI
Witt EK	2 CDO Edm

SERGEANTS

Abson HFM	2 PPCLI
Adams RJ, CD	CFB Edmonton
Anderson HB	1 PPCLI
Arnold AG, CD	2 PPCLI
Arnold JE	HQ Alta District
Atchison NG, CD	1 PPCLI
Atkinson LA, CD	1 PPCLI
Balzer EV, CD	HQ Alta District
Barker CE, CD	1 PPCLI
Barker SR, CD	1 PPCLI
Bastien EL, CD	2 PPCLI
Best DJ	1 PPCLI
Blackburn JP, CD	1 PPCLI
Blakeney JPRND	2 PPCLI
Blume EWG	2 PPCLI
Bolen WF	2 CDO Edm
Bonner C, CD	1 PPCLI
Brignell RA	2 PPCLI
Brotchie AM	CFPSU Wpg
Bulger EJ, CD	1 PPCLI
Burke RJ, CD	1 PPCLI
Burns AI	HQ 4 CMBG
Butt A	1 PPCLI
Buxton DW, CD	2 PPCLI
Calder HC, CD	Combat Arms School
Chimko M	2 PPCLI
Clark AE	2 PPCLI

Claxton NL, CD	2 PPCLI
Clemons LW, CD	2 PPCLI
Couronne PCJ, CD	1 PPCLI
Cowling JT, CD	2 PPCLI
Craig RJ, CD	2 CDO Edm
Cruise JA, CD	2 PPCLI
Danyleyko T, CD	CFB Moose Jaw
Davies LH, CD	1 PPCLI
Davis RM	2 CDO Edm
Dolinski K, CD	HQ BC Dist Log & Adm Staff
Dunsmore NG	Alta MD I Staff (M)
Edinborough JM, CD	CJATC
Ellis RW, CD	1 PPCLI
Ferguson LJ, CD	CFB Soest
Fernstrom SJ	BC MD Log & Adm Staff (M)
Fraser RD	1 PPCLI
Fuller LC	Wainwright Det CFB Calgary
Gagnon JR	2 CDO Edm
Gallant JA	Combat Arms School
Giles LR	CJATC
Grant WN	1 PPCLI
Gowing LM, CD	1 PPCLI
Grouette HK, CD	CFRC Vancouver
Haley LA	2 PPCLI
Hanson KO, CD	BC MD I Staff
Harris F	2 CDO Edm
Harris WJ, CD	2 PPCLI
Hartmann RJ	2 PPCLI
Hatcher CV	Trial & Evaluation Estb
Hayward JG	2 PPCLI
Heaver RJ	1 PPCLI
Hodge WG, CD	2 PPCLI
Holley HR, CD	CFB Chilliwack
Holmes GO, CD	1 PPCLI
Hudson RG	1 PPCLI
Hurford LRS	1 PPCLI
Irving GE, CD	NS Log & Adm Staff
Jenkins JD, CD	1 PPCLI
Jewell RA, CD	1 PPCLI
Johnson HA	Nfld Dist Log & Adm Staff
Kenny AG, CD	HQ Prairie Region
Kirby GA, CD	BC Dist Log & Adm Staff
Lalonde J, CD	1 PPCLI
Laroche W	Alta Dist I Staff
Lauzon HP, CD	1 PPCLI
Lee GG, CD	2 CDO Edm
Lee JBM	1 PPCLI
Lewis AE, CD	2 CDO Edm
Lewis RR	2 PPCLI
Liscum RM, CD	2 PPCLI
Loucks DJ, CD	2 PPCLI
Lowry RE	Combat Arms School
Lukion JW, CD	Man Dist Log & Adm Staff

Lynch GB	2 PPCLI
Mann PG, CD	CFHQ
Maule GS, CD	Inf Trg Bn HQ Borden
Meyers AC, CD	1 PPCLI
Miles JW, CD	2 PPCLI
Miller WJ, CD	2 CDO Edm
Moseley CA, CD	2 PPCLI
Mueller FAW	1 PPCLI
Murphy LH, CD	1 PPCLI
MacAdams JA	2 PPCLI
MacAulay SV, CD	Nfld Dist Log & Adm Staff
MacIsaac JT, CD	HQ Nfld Dist
MacLean DH	2 CDO Edm
MacLeod DF	2 PPCLI
MacPhail HJ, CD	2 PPCLI
McCord G	1 PPCLI
McDow EA, CD	1 PPCLI
McNiven DE	2 PPCLI
McRae TS, CD	Man Dist Log & Adm Staff
Neil CBC	1 PPCLI
Noonan JD, CD	East Ont Dist I Staff
O'Brien JD	2 PPCLI
O'Neill JG	2 CDO Edm
Park AA, CD	Combat Arms School
Payne GI, CD	Inf Trg Bn HQ Edm
Pelletier JVJ	CFB Winnipeg
Pokol W	2 PPCLI
Pritchard JD	East Ont Dist Log & Adm Staff
Purcell AE, CD	Released 22 Dec 68
Reynolds KA, CD	2 PPCLI
Richardson BD, CD	2 PPCLI
Rose A, CD	BC Dist Log & Adm Staff
Rose JA, CD	2 PPCLI
Scott MJ, CD	3 FTS Portage
Sellveh GJ, CD	2 PPCLI
Shaw RC, CD	2 CDO Edm
Shawcross KS, CD	2 PPCLI
Shephard RW, CD	2 PPCLI
Smith HE, CD	2 PPCLI
Smith RW, CD	1 PPCLI
Snyder VV	BC Dist Log & Adm Staff
Sorsdahl RG, CD	Sask Dist Log & Adm Staff
Spence JR, CD	Sask Dist Log & Adm Staff
Steadman RD	1 PPCLI
Stewart AL, CD	Combat Arms School
Stothard SL	2 PPCLI
Summersgill RH, CD	2 PPCLI
Swan FJW	Combat Arms School
Taylor AR, CD	Alta Dist Log & Adm Staff
Terhune WJ	1 PPCLI
Thorne G, CD	HQ Alta Dist
Thurn DV, CD	I Staff Calgary
Toews WE, CD	1 PPCLI

Tupper AL, CD	2 PPCLI
Turner RS	Cen Ont Dist Log & Adm Staff
Villiger KR, CD	1 PPCLI
Wall JE, CD	2 PPCLI
Walushka E, CD	1 PPCLI
Wardell AD, CD	CFSIT Clinton
Watters L	2 PPCLI
White GJ, CD	2 PPCLI
White JJ	BC Dist Log & Adm Staff
Wilkins CG, CD	Combat Arms School
Wilkinson WL, CD	1 PPCLI
Wilson CA, CD	2 PPCLI
Wilson RC	Sask Dist Log & Adm Staff
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Description of Article	Unit	Price	Description of Article	Unit	Price
Army Flying badges	Each	\$ 6.00	Caps, Fur Felt, Khaki—Muir	Each	20.60*
Army Flying badges—emb	Each	6.00	Cards Xmas Lady Patricia	Each	.15
			Cards Xmas Founder	Each	.25
Badges, Cap Offr—Sterling	Each	4.50	Cards Invitation—Embossed	Each	.15
Badges, Cap Offr—Screw Type	Each	4.50	Canes, Snr NCO	Each	13.20
Badges, Cap OR, Plated	Each	.90	Centennial Paper Weight	Each	5.25
Badge, Socket	Each	.05	Chevrons, Gold, Sgt—emb	Each	2.10
Badges, Collar, OR	Pair	.75	Cigarette Box—Silver	Each	65.00
Badge, Collar, Offr	Pair	6.00	Cords, Shoulder, Gold 1/2" Fine	Pair	7.50
Badge, Shoulder Title, Offr—Silver	Pair	2.00	Collar, Linen	Each	.85
Badges, Shoulder, OR	Pair	1.25	Collar, Paper	Each	.10
Badges, WO 1—Emb	Each	7.50	Crest, Blazer, Offr	Each	5.50
Badges, WO 2—Plated	Pair	2.00	Crest, Blazer, WO's & Snr NCO's	Each	5.00
Badges, WO 2—Emb	Each	4.75	Crest, Blazer, Cpl & Pte	Each	5.50
Badges, Beret, Assoc	Each	2.50	Crest, PPCLI Association	Each	2.35
Belt, Sam Browne (Gaunt) —Anod	Each	15.50*	Crowns, Offr—Anod	Pair	1.30
Belt, Sam Browne (Welsh)	Each	13.25*	Crowns, Offr—Silver	Pair	1.75
Belt, Sword, WO's	Each	16.70*	Crowns, Offr—Emb	Pair	3.60
Belt, Web, French Grey, Sword	Each	3.25*	Crowns, S Sgt—Plated	Pair	1.30
Books, History, Vol 3 Autographed	Each	25.00	Crowns, S Sgt—Emb	Each	3.00
Books, History, Vol 3	Each	5.00	Cravets	Each	6.00
Books, History, Vol 3 (Soiled)	Each	4.00	Cuffs, Linen	Pair	2.25
Books, Regt Manual	Each	.45	Cumberbund	Each	14.85*
Patrician 1968 Hard Cover	Each	1.50			
Patrician 1968 Soft Cover	Each	.50	Dees, WO's Sword Belt, Plated	Each	.35
Boot-rag Strip	Each	.25	Dees, VP Belt, Plated	Each	.50
Braid, Maple Leaf Woven	Ins.	.02			
Broach, PPCLI Rhinestone	Each	9.75	Envelopes, Regtl	Pkg.	.80
Buckle, VP—Plated	Each	4.50			
Buckle, (WO Sword)	Each	.70	Gloves, Leather, Brown	Pair	3.85
Buttons, Offr, Large	Each	.15	Gloves, Kid, White	Pair	7.25
Buttons, Offr, Med	Each	.18	Gloves, White, Cloth	Each	2.00
Buttons, Offr, Small	Each	.16			
Buttons, Offr, Cap	Each	.13	Hook, WO Sword Belt, Plated	Each	.45
Buttons, Extension, Screw Type	Pair	1.00			
Buttons, Extension (Shank only)	Pair	.25	Key Chains	Each	.40
Buttons, OR Large—Anod	Each	.18			
Buttons, OR, Med—Anod	Each	.16	Lanyards, PPCLI	Each	2.35
Buttons, OR, Small—Anod	Each	.12	Lanyards, RCOC	Each	.65
Buttons, OR, Cap—Anod	Each	.15	Lighters, Vu Scripto	Each	3.75
Buttons, Lapel, Parachute	Each	1.15			
Buttons, Lapel, VP—Gold	Each	2.30	Matches, Book Regtl	Each	.01
Buttons, VP Ladies	Each	2.50			
Buttons, Screw Type, RCAPC	Pair	.70	Pens, Scripto, Refills	Each	.15
Buttons, Screw Type, RCAMC	Pair	.70	Pencils, All Stabilo	Each	.25
Buttons, Screw Type, RCASC	Pair	.70	Pennant VP	Each	10.81
Buttons, RCASC, Med—Anod	Each	.13	Picture, H. Gault 8x10	Each	5.50
Buttons, RCASC, Small Anod	Each	.12	Pictures, Group 2 PPCLI Offr, 1964	Each	2.25
Buttons, RCE, Large—Anod	Each	.15	Pictures, Trooping	Each	3.50
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Buttons, RCCS, Large—Anod	Each	.15	Picture Frame 11x14	Each	7.40
Buttons, RCCS, Medium—Anod	Each	.13	Picture H. Gault 8x10	Each	3.50
Buttons, RCEME, Cap	Each	.10	Picture, H. Gault 11x14	Each	6.60
Caps, Side, Green	Each	17.00			
Caps, Dress Green, Offr	Each	31.80*			
Caps, Dress Green, Field Offr	Each	57.00*			

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Picture, Frezenberg 11x14	Each	10.00	Spur, Boxes	Pair	5.00*
Picture, Aug 45 8x10	Each	5.40	Sticks, Swagger, VP Gaunt	Each	6.95
Picture, Lady Patricia 8x10	Each	5.00	Sticks, Shooting, Med	Each	5.50
Picture, Canadians at Ypres 13x20	Each	8.25	Studs, WO Sword Belt, Plated	Each	.30
Picture, Canadians at Ypres 8x10	Each	4.30	Sweater, Maroon	Each	8.90
Picture, Canadians at Ypres 11x14	Each	11.00	Sword Scabbord, Leather	Each	13.75*
Picture, Sanctuary Wood 8x10	Each	4.30	Sword, complete	Each	32.50*
Picture Sanctuary Wood 11x14	Each	10.00	Sword, Frog, Leather	Each	7.35*
Picture Ric-a-Dam-Doo	Each	3.85	Sword, Knot, Leather	Each	4.55*
Picture, Frame 12x12	Each	6.30	Sword, Knot, Gold	Each	9.95*
Plaques, VP Heraldic	Each	5.50	Sword, Sling, Gold	Each	21.00*
Plaques, Metal, PPCLI, Bronze	Each	12.00	Sword, Case, Leather	Each	10.50*
Plaques, Jubilee	Each	2.00	Sword, Scabbord, Leather (new)	Each	11.25*
Plaques, Bronze, VP	Each	7.95	Sword, Belt, Web, Blue	Each	5.80*
Plaques, PPCLI, Two Metal	Each	18.75	Square, w/Ring, WO Sword Belt	Each	.55
Plaques, PPCLI, German made	Each	5.50			
Polish, Kiwi Mahogany	Each	.25	Tobacco Pouches	Each	1.65
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Pad Telephone, VP	Each	3.95	Ties, Offr, Khaki, Dark	Each	.75
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Records, LP, Trooping	Each	3.00	Ties, Regtl, Mirafill	Each	2.50
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Scarves, Regtl, Rayon	Each	3.00	Tray Ash, Jubilee	Each	.50
Shrts, Terylene, White	Each	3.75*			
Shirts, BVD, Khaki	Each	7.40*	Webbing, Belt 2"—OD	Foot	.25
Shirts, BVD, White	Each	6.90*	Wings, Para Mini (Scarlet)	Each	2.15
Shirts, Terylene, Khaki	Each	4.50*	Wings, Para, Mini (Blue)	Each	2.15
Ski Binds, Simplex	Pair	5.35	Wings, Para, Mini (White)	Each	7.15
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